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Letter ends five months in limbo

Euro-rebels given back the Tory whip

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN MAJOR tried last night to raise Conservative morale in the run-up to the local elections by bringing back the eight Euro-rebels who were thrown out after defying a confidence vote on Europe.

A short letter from Richard Ryder told the MPs, who have been operating outside the parliamentary party since the end of November when they voted against the European Budget Bill, that they were back in.

The Chief Whip also told the eight, Sir Teddy Taylor (Southend E), Teresa Gorman (Billericay), Richard Shepherd (Aldridge Brownhills), John Wilkinson (Ruislip-Northwood), Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, SW) Christopher Gill (Ludlow), Michael Carttiss (Great Yarmouth) and Tony Marlow (Northampton, NW) that if they did not wish to receive the whip, they should give him their formal resignation in writing.

Sir Richard Body, the ninth "whipless" MP who resigned the whip after the same debate, was informed of the Government's action and is expected to return soon.

The Government has now officially recovered a Commons majority of 11 which will be 13 when the two MPs suspended over the cash for questions affair are back; since last November it had been in a technical minority.

The Government's decision, exclusively forecast in later editions of *The Times* yesterday, to announce that the whip had been returned without waiting for the MPs to say that they wanted it, had clearly taken some of the rebels by surprise.

They had held a meeting at Westminster to discuss peace moves conducted over the weekend through Michael Spicer, a Eurosceptic former minister. He was one of the ringleaders of the Maastricht revolt and consistently voted against the Government until the Bill was passed.

But since then, as leader of the Fresh Start group of sceptics, he has sought to influence Tory European policy from inside. His track record gave him credibility with ministers and rebels.

The meeting, which was not attended by all the rebels, was inconclusive and there appeared to have been considerable confusion. Some of the MPs had been keener to return than others and not all of them had been consulted.

But shortly after the meeting ended Mr Ryder announced that they were back. Any wanting to remain outside would have to make a formal resignation and would almost certainly be disowned by their local party.

The rebels are to hold a meeting this morning. They appeared to have litle choice but to accept that they were once again members of the parliamentary party.

A Government source said the rebel MPs would now be "expected to vote like everyone else" because they had satisfied the criteria laid down by the Prime Minister, showing consistent support for Government policies on everything other than Europe.

Mr Major's decision to end their exile was received with delight by the Tory Right last night. Senior backbenchers have been urging him to bring them back to help the Tory cause in the local elections. But he has received strong advice from loyalists to leave the rebels out in the cold because they were not felt yet to have made sufficient atonement.

Spicer: secret approach to the whipless nine

It is understood that Mr Spicer was acting with the authority of the Prime Minister and Mr Ryder when he embarked on his secret mission late last week. He is understood to have come to a fairly clear picture of how all nine stood on taking the whip again and he attended part of yesterday's meeting.

John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, called the move "a pathetic retreat by a weak Prime Minister who has caved into a group of people who hold him in contempt." Charles Kennedy, the Liberal Democrat Europe spokesman, said: "This fragile unity, at the eleventh hour of an election campaign will last until the next vote on Europe."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, one of the 1922 executive members who signed a letter to Mr Major calling for the rebels' return said: "I welcome the return to the Conservative fold of the whipless. I regret they ever lost the whip since I think that they represent on Europe the views of 70-80 per cent of Conservative members and their supporters in the country. It will help the party get its act together fully."

Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the 1922 committee, said: "This comes not before time. There has been a groundswell that they should be given the opportunity to have the whip restored. It is long overdue that we should make this move, because … our party's policy (on Europe) has moved in their direction. They will find it much easier to come back and support the party's policy in future.

"But the onus is now on them. It is quite right that they show what we now expect of them — the sort of discipline that we have all had to show in a particularly difficult time. There is no doubt that if we are talking about unity, the first thing we had to do was solve this problem and having done that we can all look forward to an improving situation."

Sir Richard Body said he was consulting his party association. If they were content for him to do so he would take back the whip.

Mr Spicer said: "I am delighted that there is now the clear prospect of unity, certainly under the banner of a anti-federalist, anti-socialist programme. I have always felt that there are two ways of affecting events in British politics — one is the Conservative Party and the other is the Labour Party.

"The Conservative Party revolves around various ideas such as low taxes and a non-federal Europe. Therefore breaking away from the Conservative Party does not help that cause. That means you vote with the Conservative Party unless there is a mammoth, earth-shattering reason that prevents you, and even then you don't do it to threaten the existence of the Conservative Government."

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ALAN WELLER

Neville and Doreen Lawrence, Stephen's parents, leave court in Greenwich yesterday

Youths in court after family's private murder prosecution

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT AND RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

FOUR white youths from south London were charged yesterday with the murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence after his parents launched a private prosecution. They had been arrested at the weekend on warrants issued by Greenwich magistrates after Neville and Doreen Lawrence initiated the proceedings.

Stephen, 18, a student, died of stab wounds after he was attacked while waiting for a bus with a friend in Eltham, southeast London, on April 22, 1993.

Appearing before Greenwich magistrates, Neil Acourt, 19, Luke Knight, 18, David Norris, 18, and a fourth man, also aged 18, who cannot be named, were jointly charged with unlawful killing at Well Hall Road, southeast London. Their addresses were not read out after their legal representatives made an application to David Cooper, the stipendary magistrate.

Their mothers, who sat together at the back of the courtroom, showed no emotion as three of the defendants were remanded in custody until next Tuesday and the unnamed defendant was remanded in custody until May 16. Applications for bail were refused.

Four people were originally arrested for the attack and two youths were charged with Lawrence's murder three months later. The charges were dropped when the Crown Prosecution Service decided that there was insufficient evidence. Lawrence's parents, who decided to launch the action in March after they were told by the police that the case had been closed, arrived at court with Michael Mansfield, QC, their barrister, and Imran Khan, their solicitor. Their legal team have offered their services free but the parents could still face a bill of up to £10,000.

Lawrence: died of stab wounds in April 1993

The Lawrence family is hoping that the Crown Prosecution Service will take over the case. Barbara Mills, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, is monitoring the proceedings. The police have not yet been asked to hand over their files, but have said they would have no objection. However, no evidence can be released by the police unless the witnesses agree.

Speaking after the hearing, Mr Khan said that the Lawrence family was relieved that fresh legal procedures had been initiated. "Obviously, the family and myself are happy that procedures have now started two years after the

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Second U-turn gives divorcees right to take slice of pension

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

DIVORCEES will be entitled to a share of their former partner's pension, the Government announced last night.

The latest U-turn in the Pensions Bill came on the day that Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, conceded that war widows who remarry and are then bereaved or divorced should be able to claim the £140-a-week service pension.

The decision will affect more than 16,000 women and is expected to cost the Treasury £40 million a year from October.

The plan for divorcees, which could affect more than 200,000 couples a year, will compel the courts to take pensions into account when dividing assets, and require pension schemes to make payments under deferred maintenance orders.

At present courts in England and Wales, unlike Scotland, are not obliged to take a pension into account in divorce proceedings. Thousands of women who gave up their careers to bring up children were denied access to their former husband's pension, often his largest asset.

Payments to ex-wives will be deducted at source from pension funds, rather than left to former husbands to distribute on reaching retirement. Mr Lilley ruled out, however, dividing the assets at the time of divorce and said that the change would not be retrospective.

Speaking in the debate on the Pensions Bill, Mr Lilley said it would be too complex and the cost could be "very considerable", with £300 million in tax revenues forgone. "Effectively, then, a divorced couple would be in a more privileged tax position than a married couple," he said.

The concessions come after revolts in the Lords over the Pensions Bill, which equalises the state retirement age at 65 and introduces safeguards against a repeat of the Maxwell pensions scandal.

The Government was defeated by 191 to 145 votes in the Lords last month after cross-party demands that war widows who lose their pension should have it restored if they are bereaved or divorced. The successful amendment was moved by the crossbencher Lord Freyberg, 25, grandson of a First World War VC holder.

Baroness Hollis of Heigham, a Labour social security spokeswoman, who piloted the amendments for divorcees in the Lords, said: "At least now a woman will have the right to a share in the pension to which she contributed during her marriage and not have to chase her husband through the courts if he fails to pay. Until now many divorced wives faced an old age of loneliness, poverty and increasing desperation."

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Mr Lilley said he would not be backing any of the Lords' other amendments, and would seek to overturn an amendment made in the Upper House that would mean a person's state earnings-related pension would be based on the best 44 years of their earnings, rather than a full working life.

He said: "This amendment would increase expenditure in a poorly targeted way and would cost over £2.5 billion a year by the middle of the next century."

Mr Lilley also made clear that the Government would not give in to demands for widows' pensions to be increased from a third to a half of what would have been paid.

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Ministers to meet Sinn Fein

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Northern Ireland peace process passed an historic milestone yesterday when the Government announced it is to hold its first formal ministerial talks with Sinn Fein in more than 20 years.

Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister, said he would arrange a meeting with Sinn Fein after the party gave a commitment to hold "serious and constructive" discussions on the decommissioning of IRA arms.

Sinn Fein last night welcomed the decision, which follows more than two months of intense negotiations to agree a basis for discussions on the decommissioning of the weapons.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, who spoke to John Major yesterday, also

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Milk cartons near end of shelf life

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE cardboard milk carton that deposed the glass milk bottle from supermarket shelves is coming to the end of its sell-by date for fresh milk, which comprises 95 per cent of the milk market.

Tesco said yesterday it was phasing out milk cartons and replacing them from September with plastic bottles, which shoppers preferred. Other national supermarket chains are thought likely to follow suit, though Sainsbury's last night denied it.

Half of the milk bought in England and Wales comes from supermarkets. Doorstep deliveries of milk bottles, first mass produced by the Express Dairy Company in 1884, have been declining steadily since the first milk carton was introduced in the 1960s.

The Swedish-born businessmen who invented the dominant Tetra Pak carton waxed rich even as British milk-drinkers wrestled to open their packages without splashing milk everyhere. Last year Gad and Hans Rausing, sons of the cartons' inventor who have lived in Britain since the 1980s, are said to have supplanted the Queen as Britain's richest residents.

More recently the carton's share of the milk market has diminished to about a fifth as supermarkets introduced polythene plastic bottles.

Tesco's decision will be seen as a victory for environmentalists. A recent study by Friends of the Earth claimed cartons created 5.5 times as much air pollution and almost 12 times as much water pollution as plastic bottles.

But cartons will be used for UHT longlife milk — which deteriorates when exposed to light — and fruit juices.

Abbey National bids for N&P

Up to 3 million members of the National & Provincial Building Society may get £650 bonuses after Abbey National said it wanted to buy Britain's eighth largest society. The move is seen as the first "hostile" bid for a building society. Abbey National has 675 branches compared with the 550 of N&P, which has assets of £12 billion............ Page 25

MPs demand grace and favour secrets

MPs are demanding that Buckingham Palace release details of the 285 grace and favour properties provided for the Royal Family and their staff, which cost £1.37 million in refurbishment last year... Page 2

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Metaphorical menagerie hounded out of the animal House

MATTHEW PARRIS

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In 1976 the Speaker (Selwyn Lloyd) was clear: "I always object to the use of animal terminology when applied to Members of this House." He was banning the description by an MP of the Members opposite as "laughing hyenas". Withdrawing the words, Lewis substituted "laughing Ken Dodds opposite", which the Chair found satisfactory. How Lloyd would have viewed Michael Foot's description of Norman Tebbit as "a semi-house-trained polecat" we shall never know.

The hyena issue was settled, but this sketch has always been unhappy with the ruling. Comparing MPs to animals is a staple of the sketchwriter's trade and we hate to do to them what they may not do to each other. So, on a dull Monday in the Chamber, I took refuge in a trawl through abusive language conducted for me by Phil Mason, guru of Commons arcana and author of *Nothing Good Will Come of it* (an anthology of ridiculous predictions by MPs). Mason has scoured *Hansard* since 1861.

Mr Mason and I can offer candidates for coming by-elections a list: Speakers' rulings on animal metaphors since 1861. Which animals may, and which may not, be likened by MPs to other MPs?

The first animalistic references consisted only of noises. 1872: "*amid the general confusion were heard imitations of the crowing of cocks, whereat the Speaker declared the scenes unparliamentary, and gross violations of order*". So no cock-a-doodle-dos.

In 1884, when a Member used the words "bigoted, malevolent young puppy", Mr Speaker must have been in a forbearant mood. He allowed it. "But if I was mediating taste, I would decide differently."

1885: 'Jackal.' *Banned.*

1886: 'Tory skunks.' *Speaker:* "Highly improper."

1923: 'Chameleon politician.' *Out of order.*

1930: 'Insolent young cub.' *Banned.*

1931: 'Lie down, dog!' *Banned.*

1931: 'Noble and learned camels' [of the Lords]. *Banned.*

1936: 'Swine.' *Banned.*

1946: 'Silly ass.' *Banned.*

1948: 'Dirty dog.' *Banned.*

1949: 'Stool pigeons.' *Sp:* "Most unworthy."

1952: 'You rat.' *Banned.*

1953: 'Cheeky young pup.' *Out of order.*

1955: 'Rat.' *Out of order.*

1955: 'Ratted on a friend.' *Out of order.*

1956 First use of 'twerp', during Questions to the Air Minister. *Ruled in order. (Sp:* "I think it was a sort of technical term of the aviation industry.")

1955: 'Twerps.' *Allowed. (Sp:* "It appeared to be directed to a multiple object.")

1972: 'This young Twerp' [of Prince Charles, by Willie Hamilton]. *Out of order.*

1977: 'Snake.' *Banned.*

1978: 'Bitchy' [of Mrs Thatcher]. *Out of order.*

1985: 'Baboons.' *Banned.*

1985: 'His shadow spokesman's monkey.' *Banned.*

1986: 'Political weasel and guttersnipe.' *Allowed.*

1987: 'The morals of Tom cats' [description of other Members' ethics]. *Banned.*

1988: 'Rat.' *Allowed, this time!*

1989: 'Political skunk.' *Out of order.*

1989: 'The attention span of a gerbil.' *Allowed. But Sp:* "It does not help us here."

1989: 'The wolf of Dagenham.' *Allowed. Sp:* "I've heard worse."

1992: 'The hamster from Bolsover.' [of Dennis Skinner]. *Allowed.*

1992: 'Cruel swine' [of Kenneth Baker]. *Allowed.*

But perhaps the oddest ruling was when Mr Speaker inexplicably allowed a backbencher to say of Mrs Thatcher that she was "behaving with all the sensitivity of a sex-starved boa-constrictor". The Speaker added: "It does not add to the dignity of the House."

It is a tribute, I think, to Lady Thatcher's strength that it occurred to nobody, least of all the Chair, that she could need protection.

MPs attack secrecy over grace and favour flats

By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall Correspondent

AN ALL-PARTY committee of MPs demanded last night that Buckingham Palace release full details of the 285 grace and favour properties provided for members of the Royal Family and their staff.

The full cost of the apartments is known only to auditors in the Treasury, although it has emerged that £1.37 million was spent refurbishing 40 apartments last year. An apartment previously occupied by Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, at Kensington Palace cost £400,000 to refurbish while work at two other apartments cost £111,000 and £69,000. A further 12 underwent refurbishments costing from £25,000 to £50,000.

Some 95 apartments are known to be completely rent free, while others are rented at a fraction of the market rate: the average rent for apartments in palace grounds is £40 a week.

However, the royal household used the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee at Westminster last night to announce that it was reducing the number of self-contained apartments allocated to staff to 205, as properties became vacant. These will be let commercially.

Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office, told MPs that he had been unable to audit fully the spending of officials paid from the Queen's civil list because the office had no direct access to royal household documents. He said that after representations, government departments had granted "a substantial and reasonable degree of access" but that this was no substitute for direct access to palace documents.

Sir John submitted a detailed memorandum to the committeee of MPs which closely questioned Hayden Phillips, permanent secretary at the Heritage Department, and Michael Peat, the director of financial and property services for the royal household, over the costs and refusal to give information.

Among the details MPs demanded were how the accommodation was allocated, what duties the employees performed and what rent they paid. However, both officials played a dead bat in the face of the Labour-led onslaught. Mr Peat, who earns £116,000 a year, occupies a fine apartment at Kensington Palace for which he pays £324 a week. The apartment would fetch about £2,000 a week on the open market say property analysts and was refurbished before Mr Peat moved in.

Alan Williams, the Labour MP for Swansea West, said that the limited information which had been provided by officials was "confusing, evasive and inaccurate". He accused Buckingham Palace of "digging in its heels and stopping Parliament asking questions to which it has the right to know the answers".

The National Audit Office memorandum discloses that almost two-thirds of royal household staff have refused to sign new contracts which would have cut their salaries by 16.7 per cent to cover an increase in their rents. New employees automatically have the rent docked from their salaries but existing staff have refused to have their contractual conditions altered. Under the proposals the average rent would rise from £40 a week to £83 a week. Mr Peat admitted that it would be at least ten years before all royal household employees were on the new contracts and paying the new rents.

The report also reveals that £310,000 has been spent over the past four years on furnishing the apartments of four of the six heads of department within the royal household, including Mr Peat.

Widow freed from shadow of war

By Catherine Milton
Social Services Correspondent

TERESA TUTT, whose first husband went missing in action in 1943, can now plan a move from her dark and damp basement flat in Exmouth, Devon, after the Government's decision to restore pensions to war widows who remarry and then divorce or suffer bereavement again.

As the young widow of Squadron Leader Blair "Crasher" White, a Battle of Britain veteran, Mrs Tutt qualified for a war widow's pension. That was stopped when she remarried. Since the Tutts divorced in 1952, after four years, she has gone without a television and a washing machine.

She says: "I am not a moaner by nature, but for the widow of a Battle of Britain pilot to be reduced to such circumstances is a disgrace to the nation. My husband gave his precious young life but it was my sacrifice too."

Squadron Leader White was reported missing on July 5, 1943, during an operation to pave the way for the Allied invasion of Sicily. He was 28 and had already been shot down twice. In between he fought in the Battle of Britain. Mrs Tutt, 77, said: "He did not even cost this country a grave but when he died I felt as though I no longer had a heart."

Five years later she remarried, disastrously. Mrs Tutt was awarded alimony but says her former husband left the country and never paid it. "For 48 years I have had to flounder around as best I can working as storeman in a garage, a beautician and a wages clerk."

She is angry that her two children, now middle-aged, had to endure uncertainty in their childhood.

"That pension was not a lot but it was a little bit of security. We have been deprived of security. While I worked I paid tax and I have not had a penny from the Government except my state pension which I earned. This is a debt of honour."

Helen Rosbottom, press officer of the War Widows Association, said: "This is a typical story. Early records were destroyed but there are many women in similar positions who will benefit from the Government's decision."

Heather Fulcher, 74, also lost her war widow's pension when she remarried. Then she divorced her second husband and found herself in financial hardship. The extra £140 a week means she can eat well without having to sell her terraced house in Denby, Derby. Her first husband William, a sergeant in the Royal Corps of Signallers, died 16 years ago after almost starving while a prisoner of war in Burma. Her second marriage ended about four years ago and she lives on her state pension. She said: "After paying all my bills I have £7 left for this week. What can you eat on £7?"

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RICHARD LAPPAS

Teresa Tutt, top, with her husband's medals. Heather Fulcher, above left, as a bride, and today, surviving on £7 a week to buy food after paying her bills

Youths on private murder charges

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event. We would have been happy if the Crown Prosecution Service had continued with the case as we have always maintained that they had sufficient evidence."

Patrick Edwards, press officer for the Stephen Lawrence Family Campaign, said that the Lawrences had to accept the fact that the action may be unsuccessful and that the defendants could seek damages.

The campaign office has written to more than 5,000 individuals and organisations in an attempt to raise £10,000 for legal costs. "We need an insurance mechanism in the event that we are not successful," Mr Edwards said.

Private prosecutions have become an increasingly popular form of legal redress. But the odds are stacked against individuals who must pay legal bills and have no automatic access to statements taken by the police.

Chris Sallon, QC said yesterday: "It requires time, money and perseverence which an individual complainant may not have." The right to bring a private prosecution is maintained as a safeguard against state inaction, but there are about 70 offences that may be prosecuted only with the consent of the Attorney-General or the Director of Public Prosecutions.

There have been several successful private prosecutions, including one in which Peter Hain, now Labour MP for Neath, was fined £200 in 1972 for conspiring to disrupt and Davis Cup tennis match between South Africa and Britain.

Private prosecutions for murder are rare and in 1988 the first action for 30 years failed when a jury at the Central Criminal Court cleared a youth of stabbing to death Robert McHayle in south London.

Nadine Radford, QC, said that one effect of the private prosecution launched by Stephen Lawrence's family would be to make the legal profession examine more closely they way in which it reviewed cases. "It will cause us to stop and think and review our working methods and processes. The system always has to be tested."

A private prosecution can be started by obtaining a summons from the local magistrates' court. It would be necessary to show that there was a basis for a case, although, at that stage, proof would not be expected. If the magistrates decided that there was an arguable case, a summons would be issued.

Proceedings then continue as with any other case, although the court, prosecution or defence can ask the Crown Prosecution Service to intervene either by taking over the prosecution, changing the charge or seeking to end a case on the ground that a lack of evidence amounts to abuse of process.

Europe row brews over Bank choice

John Major faces renewed unrest over Europe today when Tory MPs condemn the appointment of Howard Davies, the CBI's pro-European director-general, as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England (Arthur Leathley writes). Backbench MPs accuse Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, of using the appointment to bolster his own pro-European stance. They express astonishment that the Prime Minister, whom they believed was showing more scepticism on Europe, could sanction it.

Gulf syndrome claims rejected

The Government announced in the Lords yesterday that it is not prepared to pay compensation to more than 500 alleged victims of Gulf War syndrome, who claim their health was damaged by vaccines intended to counter chemical and biological weapons in the 1991 war.

Labour leaders to explain visits

Tony Blair and his deputy, John Prescott, are to be asked to explain to the Commons Members' Interests Committee why they failed to register stays at Gleneagles, Tayside. David Shaw, Tory MP for Dover, also made a formal complaint over a Concorde trip to America by Mr Blair.

Boy, 9, accused of murder attempt

A boy aged nine has been charged with the attempted murder of another child after a playground incident. The alleged victim, aged seven, suffered serious head injuries and last night was on a ventilator at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. The boy charged has been allowed home.

Man jailed for stoning train

A young man who threw stones at an InterCity train travelling at 110mph was jailed for five years for what the judge described as an "act of utter recklessness". Simon Hawkes, 20, unemployed, of Tamworth, had been convicted at Stafford Crown Court earlier this month.

May Day postal strike in Scotland

Postal workers in Scotland have voted for a one-day strike on Monday in protest at their traditional May Day holiday being moved this year to coincide with VE-Day celebrations on May 8. Deliveries, counter services and parcel courier services are likely to be disrupted.

Ministers and Sinn Fein agree on talks over IRA guns

Ancram: careful

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welcomed the announcement. However, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, accused the Government of capitulating to the IRA.

Mr Ancram said the talks would include detailed discussions on the ways that IRA arms might be decommissioned and on how such a process could be verified. Speaking outside Stormont Castle, he said: "We have made clear that the basis of these discussions, which will be exploratory, is that [Sinn Fein] is prepared to discuss everything constructively and seriously, including the question of the decommissioning of arms ... We have been very careful to make sure that we move cautiously and steadily and I think that the people of Northern Ireland accept that."

The two sides had been unable to agree an agenda for talks because of disagreements on how to discuss the decommissioning of IRA weapons. Sinn Fein had agreed to discuss the issue, but insisted that it would have to be on a par with discussions about demilitarisation. This was unacceptable to the Government because it would have equated terrorist weapons with the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The breakthrough came after the two sides agreed to separate discussions on the decommissioning of IRA arms and demilitarisation. The talks will form part of the exploratory dialogue which NIO officials opened with Sinn Fein last December. The dialogue is aimed at exploring how Sinn Fein can be admitted as a fully fledged constitutional party and examining the "practical consequences of the end to violence", which includes the decommissioning of IRA arms.

Martin McGuinness, who will lead the Sinn Fein delegation in its meeting with Mr Ancram, said last night that he would "seize the opportunity" to meet the minister. But he added: "The British Government have to recognise that we cannot move the process on if they continue with their policy of treating Sinn Fein voters as second class citizens. That is totally unacceptable to us."

The Ulster Unionists last night reacted coolly to the announcement. Ken Maginnis, the party's security spokesman, said: "If exploratory dialogue is intended to deal with decommissioning of arms and explosives so be it. We will wait for tangible evidence of Sinn Fein's intent and of the Government's integrity in how it deals with that organisation."

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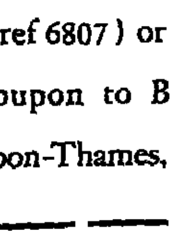

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Teachers escape punishment for Blunkett uproar

By Ben Preston and John O'Leary

TWO militant teachers who shouted down David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, at an Easter union conference escaped disciplinary action by their schools yesterday.

Fran Crowhurst, 38, a history and sociology teacher who led chanting against Mr Blunkett, agreed to apologise for "the effect that adverse publicity had brought" to Crofton School in Lewisham. The apology was accepted by her head teacher, Anne Carhart, and the matter was dropped.

Stefan Simms, a member of the Socialist Workers' Party, also held on to his job as head of physics at Wembley High School, north London. His head teacher, Stephen Armstrong, said that reports of the demonstration against Mr Blunkett had been exaggerated. He said that he could not understand why Mr Simms, whom he described as a "dedicated teacher", had been singled out.

Mr Blunkett was pursued and cornered by a mob at the National Union of Teachers' annual conference in Blackpool ten days ago. With his guide dog Lucy, he was forced to take refuge in an office for almost half an hour after the demonstration threatened to turn violent.

The union swiftly issued a public apology to Mr Blunkett. John Bills, the president, compared the protesters to Fascists and members of the British National Party and said they should be sacked.

Mr Blunkett said it was for governing bodies and the National Union of Teachers to take appropriate disciplinary action against the teachers involved. But he made clear that they should not be sacked because that would make them martyrs.

Ms Crowhurst, deputy head of humanities, made a verbal apology during a meeting lasting less than an hour with her head teacher yesterday morning. She expressed regret not for her actions but for the impact of bad publicity on the school. Jim Stevenson, the chairman of governors, said that he would be writing directly to Mr Blunkett "regretting the incident".

Crowhurst: apologised

A third teacher, Eddie Parkinson, a history teacher at Kenton School, Newcastle upon Tyne, was interviewed yesterday by his head teacher, Mike Gibbons. Mr Parkinson was seen on television shouting "sack the Tories, not the teachers" and banging on the door of an office where Mr Blunkett was put for protection. A report detailing Mr Parkinson's version of events will be presented to the governing body's personnel subcommittee this week, which will then decide whether to start disciplinary proceedings against him.

Mr Parkinson told reporters last week that the demonstration was justified. He said: "David Blunkett is a blind man but he is an important politician and he has come out with extreme views about what should happen to teachers that put him to the right of the Conservatives." The NUT said it was still waiting for official complaints against teachers.

☐ Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, issued a beginning-of-term appeal to teachers not to take industrial action over rising class sizes. She said: "I would advise them not to go down that road. They will rue it."

NIGEL BOWLES

Sue Marshall won reinstatement of the 7.47am express from London Victoria to Brighton after bombarding British Rail with letters

One-woman protest stops BR in its tracks

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

A COMMUTER has scored a victory for passengers after a solo campaign against cuts in services forced British Rail into a rare U-turn.

Sue Marshall began her fight for the return of the 7.47am express service from London Victoria to Brighton after BR downgraded it to a slower, stopping service last May.

The change added eight minutes to the 65-minute journey, making it impossible for Ms Marshall, director of housing at Brighton council, to reach her desk by 9am. She had to catch an earlier slow train instead.

Ms Marshall, who spends up to £250 a month on commuting from her home in Clapham, south London, said: "It was very inconvenient for myself and other commuters and had a major effect on my morning working. If I had an 8am meeting I effectively had to stay overnight in Brighton."

She said the replacement Thameslink service was often delayed or cancelled. "On one occasion the train failed to stop at Clapham. It just whizzed through and I was due to address 150 staff at 9.30am." The only other direct train is the 6.47am from Victoria.

Ms Marshall succeeded in reinstating the train after gathering support among other commuters and bombarding BR's Network South Central division with letters. Eventually BR capitulated, appealing for her not to send more letters because it was falling behind with the backlog of those she had already sent. "We can't let these giant businesses get away with doing what they like," she said.

A spokesman for Network South Central said the decision proved that BR was prepared to react to passengers' comments. "The timetables are not set in stone," the spokesman said. "We are always looking to provide an improved service and that is why the original service was closed. But we subsequently discovered people preferred the express train."

Police shoot dead unarmed man in raid on club gang

By Paul Wilkinson

POLICE marksmen shot dead an unarmed man yesterday while ambushing a gang who broke into a social club to steal the weekend takings. Senior officers later confirmed that no weapons were fired at the officers.

They rejected suggestions that the dead man, a known criminal, was found with a torch in his hand. However, police believe that at least one of his three accomplices, all of whom escaped, might have been carrying a weapon, possibly a sawn-off shotgun.

The dead man was killed by a single shot some time after the break-in in the early hours at the Excelsior social club at Westerhope, Newcastle upon Tyne. Paramedics were called to the premises but the man had died instantly.

At a press conference last night, Assistant Chief Constable Alan Oliver of Northumbria Police declined to discuss the moments leading up to the fatal shot being fired, but disclosed that there had been "a considerable period of time" between the break-in and the shooting.

Detectives had been tipped off the previous day to expect an armed raid at the club, which has been the target of several robberies and has 1,500 members. "Weekend takings at a club can amount to a considerable sum of money, but nothing was stolen," Mr Olvier said.

He said all the officers involved were fully trained experts who had since undergone counselling and debriefing.

Mr Oliver said that shopkeepers and pub owners in the area had been terrorised by thugs armed with imitation guns. "They have been a serious cause of concern to the police for many years. If a police officer is confronted by someone who aims a weapon at him he may believe that person is armed and has to make a decision very quickly."

He added: "We would offer our sincerest apologies to his family but at the time a criminal offence was in the process of being carried out. No shots were fired at our men, but the possibility that the gang had a firearm is a line of inquiry we are still examining."

Several arrests were made in follow-up operations on the Newbiggin Hall Estate in Newcastle. Police recovered an imitation firearm, a ski mask and items of clothing.

Mr Oliver said: "We searched the area around a flat on the estate and found the objects. We believe the flat was involved in the circumstances that led to the incident. A number of other people are still being sought."

Eddie Marchant, Assistant Chief Constable with Durham Police, has been appointed by the Police Complaints Authority to conduct an inquiry into the shooting.

Three-time joyrider killed mother

By A Staff Reporter

A TEENAGE joyrider killed a mother-of-two in a crash while driving the third car he had stolen that day, a court was told yesterday.

Anthony Underwood, 16, lost control on a bend while driving a stolen Ford Orion. Lee Heady, 36, of Countesthorpe, Leicestershire, travelling in the opposite direction in her Mini, could do nothing to avoid the crash, Leicester Crown Court was told. The youth fled but was arrested 18 days later after he was linked to a baseball cap found at the scene.

Underwood, now 17, of Leicester, was sent to a young offenders' centre for 12 months after admitting causing death by dangerous driving.

Judge Donald Hamilton told him: "No sentence I pass could reflect the gravity of the consequences of your actions." The judge said that under new laws the sentence would have been longer. "You can also consider yourself fortunate your age has protected you from a longer sentence: I impose the maximum sentence I can."

Leonard Smith, for the prosecution, said that the impact forced Mrs Heady into the rear of her car and she died from multiple injuries. Underwood also admitted three charges of taking cars without consent on the day of the death and was banned from driving for four years.

School video on the war gives Churchill 14 seconds

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

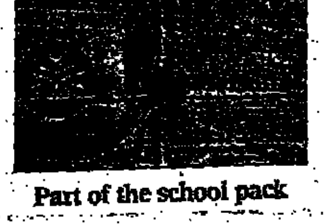
A £300,000 education pack to help schools to teach about the end of the Second World War virtually ignores Sir Winston Churchill's place in history, a pressure group claimed yesterday.

The government-commissioned pack, which is being sent to all state and independent schools, marginalises "one of the nation's greatest figures", said the Campaign for Real Education. The group, which supports traditional teaching, said Churchill was only shown for 14 seconds in a 34-minute video for primary schools and his name was missing from the coverage of events prior to VE-Day and his defeat at the 1945 general election.

The pack, which has been publicly endorsed by the Queen, forms part of the Government commemorations to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war and focuses on Victory in Europe and Victory over Japan Days. It includes a message from the Queen, a video with archive footage and newsreel, reproductions of period photographs, leaflets, posters and newspapers.

In a personal statement, the Queen says: "I hope that this education pack will help young people to understand what the Second World War was about, what people were fighting for and how grateful we should all be for their sacrifice."

But Christopher McGovern, a former Government history curriculum adviser, urged Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, to commission a supplementary booklet to restore balance in the presentation of the war, covering Churchill's role as an opponent of appeasement in the 1930s. Mr McGovern, a preparatory school teacher in Kent, said that Churchill was only given 14 seconds of "indistinct coverage" towards the end of the 34-minute video for primary schools and 14 seconds in the 24-minute video for secondary schools with a fleeting reference to his praise for the valour shown at Dunkirk and to the Allies' meeting with the Russians in 1945.


Part of the school pack

A spokesman for the Education Department said the pack was not supposed to provide a comprehensive history of the war.

Ian Fell, a producer for Yorkshire Television's education department, which made the video, said: "Of course Churchill is mentioned, but this was not supposed to be a history about him or any other key figure in the war. The video was supposed to encourage pupils to find things out for themselves."

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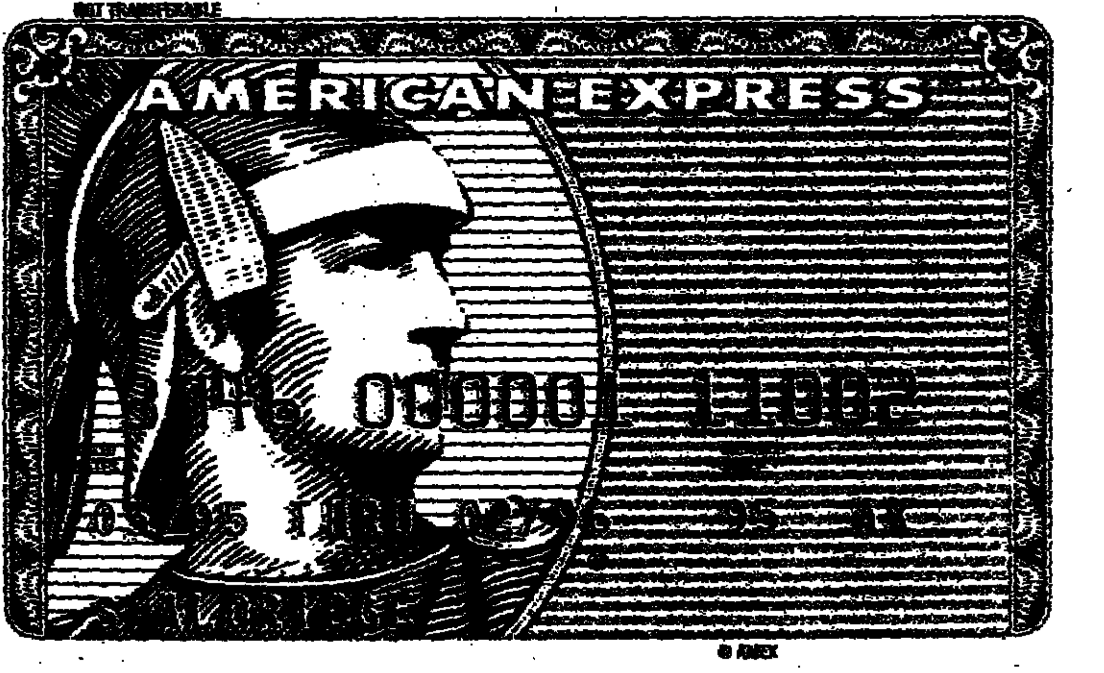

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Dramatists call on BBC to halt 'massacre' of cuts

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

TWO leading television playwrights entered the fray over budget and programme cuts at the BBC yesterday. Alan Plater and Jimmy McGovern wrote to the corporation after news that a severe cash squeeze had led to an indefinite ban on new programme commissions.

In a robust letter to Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, Mr McGovern, whose credits include the Bafta award-winning ITV series *Cracker*, expressed deep concern that single drama, or films and plays, would bear the brunt of any programme cuts.

"Re. your planned massacre of single drama on BBC television, may I quote Flaubert? 'Success is a result; it must not be a goal'.

"The goal should be the writing and production of good original drama. If it's good, success will follow. To set out to maximise audiences, to get the biggest number of viewers for every pound spent, simply results in the mindless crap offered on ITV every night of the week."

Mr McGovern ended his letter: "You work for a corporation that is currently producing the last thing Dennis Potter wrote. You should be ashamed of yourself."

In a letter to Will Wyatt, managing director of BBC television, Mr Plater, the screenwriter of *Fortunes of War* and *A Very British Coup* who is writing the screenplay for three BBC films based on the novels of Reginald Hill, questioned the corporation's need to eliminate its multi-million-pound borrowings.

His letter followed the BBC's recent admission that the programme freeze and cash-flow problems have been caused by a pledge it made to the Government to reduce its borrowing from £200 million two years ago to zero by the end of 1996. Borrowings now stand at £80 million.

"There is an underlying concern that the BBC is sinking in a philosophical quagmire. If the corporation insists on embracing a market ethos, why should it be shackled to a zero borrowing requirement? If Rupert Murdoch or the Channel Tunnel did this, they'd be out of business, as would the Government," Mr Plater wrote.

The playwright suggested that the logical conclusion of the move to deregulate public-service broadcasting was as nonsensical as "cricketers dressed in pyjamas".

Mr Plater also said it was "perplexing" that the corporation was contemplating budget cuts at a time when it was making money available for "wacky" research projects, such as "signing on radio presenters and then doing research into whether anybody's going to listen to them".

The BBC said last night that Mr Wyatt would be responding to both letters, assuring Mr McGovern and Mr Plater that there would be no decrease in the number of single film dramas transmitted by BBC television.

Mr Wyatt said: "It's not so much a massacre as a mission to aid and protect."

The letters, with others from leading screenwriters, come at a sensitive time for the corporation. John Birt, the BBC Director-General, is to meet senior managers this week to make a decision on cutting programme budgets.

The Writers Guild of Great Britain, the screenwriters' trade union, is also to seek a meeting with the corporation to discuss the implications of the budget squeeze on drama production.

The Commons Select Committee on National Heritage is to meet Mr Birt on June 8 to discuss the future of the BBC and could raise the issue.

Plater: questioning

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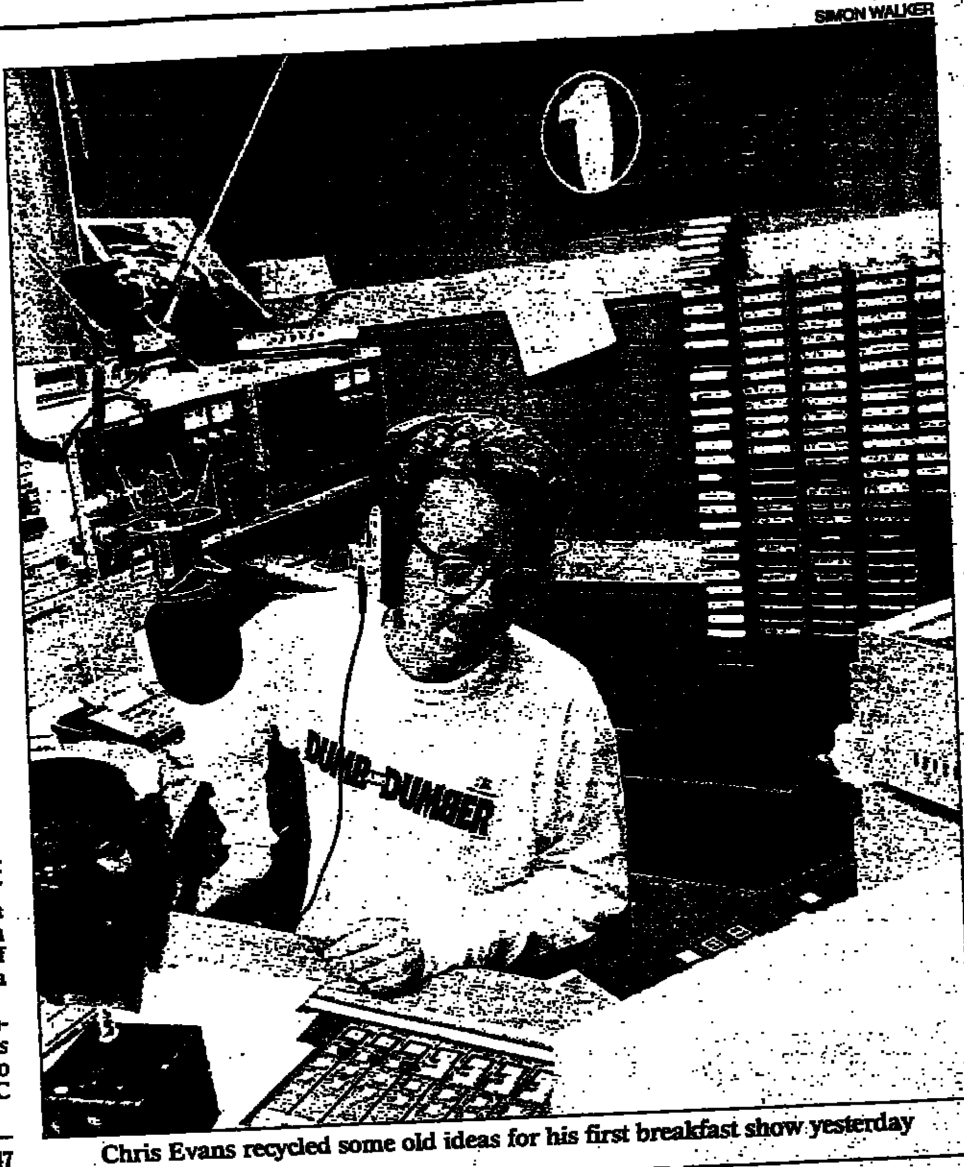
SIMON WALKER



Chris Evans recycled some old ideas for his first breakfast show yesterday

Evans gives Radio 1 show a brush-up

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

RADIO 1 launched its latest drive to win back listeners yesterday when Chris Evans, the Channel 4 television presenter, took over as host of the station's breakfast show.

Evans, who won a Bafta award on Sunday night for *Don't Forget Your Toothbrush*, revived gimmicks from his days as a disc jockey for the London radio station GLR. They included *The Kids Are Alright*, a phone-in competition in which children under ten can win sweets if they give wrong answers to a series of questions, and *Personality or Person?* in which celebrities have to prove they are still in touch with reality by answering a series of mundane questions, such as how much is a copy of *Radio Times*?

Evans said: "Radio is so much more fun than television because you can produce your own shows." Matthew Bannister, Radio 1's controller, hopes Evans will help to reverse a slide of 5.5 million listeners in two years. The show made "a strong start".

Anti-fraud checks shut down 100 solicitors' firms

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

MORE than 100 solicitors' firms were closed down or taken over last year under the Law Society's campaign against fraud in the profession.

A report to be considered on Thursday by the Law Society council shows a rise of nearly 20 per cent in the number of firms found to be fraudulent or in breach of accounts rules in 1994. The 102 firms that were closed by the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau or taken on by other firms were among 625 law firms inspected last year by investigating accountants under the anti-fraud programme.

One in five of the inspections were prompted by telephone calls to the new Red Alert line run by the bureau. The big rise in the detection of fraud also prompted an increase in claims by those who have fallen victim to dishonest solicitors.

A record 2,298 claims, totalling nearly £47 million, were lodged against the solicitors' compensation fund last year, nearly 20 per cent up on 1993. The number of individual claims is up by more than 28 per cent, the biggest number lodged against the fund to date. In 1988 there were 577 claims, against 1,337 in 1991.

But the report finds that although the number of claims rose, their size fell, with most claims lodged for amounts below £5,000.

There is also a sign that the fraud initiatives are working. "Increased vigilance and an excellent flow of intelligence about potential dishonesty and breaches of the accounts rules have played their part in 1994," the report says.

Most claims came from individuals rather than lending institutions, showing "that theft from client account is the most common cause of applications being submitted to the fund and is more extensive than mortgage fraud", the report says. However, there may also be a trend towards increased fraud on lending institutions. Nearly 8 per cent of the applications came from the institutions and they represented 45 per cent of the value of the claims.

As a result of the claims, £33 million has to be raised by the profession to pay for the compensation fund in 1995. This amounts to £500 for solicitors in their fourth, fifth or sixth practising year, and £1,000 for those qualified longer.

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Farmers reject call for better sheep care

By Michael Hornsby

FOUR million lambs die each year within a few days of birth from malnutrition, disease and exposure, according to a report by an animal welfare pressure group.

The three-month investigation by Animal Aid also highlights what it claims is sheep farmers' increasing use of drugs to induce ewes to have multiple births and to lamb earlier in the season.

Andrew Tyler, the group's campaigns director, said: "Sheep tend to be ignored when the welfare of livestock animals is discussed. The idea that they have escaped the ruthless intensification of the pig and poultry trades is now exposed as a big lie." The National Farmers' Union dismissed the report as "mischievous rubbish" and added: "Mortality is nothing like on the scale claimed".

☐ Six livestock lorries left Dover on a ferry for Dunkirk yesterday, the third shipment since animal exports from the port resumed last Thursday. A handful of animal rights activists jeered at the lorries.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Sir Christopher Hogg is to remain as chairman of Courtaulds (report, April 21). He is giving up the chairmanship of Courtaulds Textiles, a separate quoted company.

☐ The Chelsea Flower Show ticket hotline (Weekend, April

Minister seeks help to spread Internet

By John O'Leary
Education Editor

MINISTERS are relying on private companies to give state schools access to the Internet, Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, admitted yesterday.

Launching a consultation document on the educational potential of the new communications technologies, Mrs Shephard argued that it was in the interest of the industry to invest in future customers. Initial government funding will be confined to evaluating pilot projects in schools and colleges.

More than £200 million of public money has been spent updating information technology in schools over the past six years. In the past few weeks, the Trade and Industry Department has pledged £250,000 to help to connect 50 secondary schools to the Internet and the Welsh Office has put up £3 million for information technology in primary schools.

However, the cost of "wiring up" every educational institution will dwarf previous commitments. Mrs Shephard said she was following the example of Al Gore, the US Vice-President, in challenging the industry to take on the educational development of information superhighways by the year 2000.

The Cable Communications Association has offered to make free connections to schools as firms extend the cable network throughout the

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Health Department says units in local hospitals could save 15,000 lives

Specialist centres to end lottery of cancer treatment

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Correspondent

A BLUEPRINT to improve the uneven quality of NHS cancer services was published by the Government yesterday in an attempt to save up to 15,000 lives a year.

Specialist cancer units are to be established in local hospitals to end the "cancer lottery" and give every patient access to the highest possible standards of care. In addition, about 50 main cancer centres with teams of specialists will treat the rarest forms of the disease.

Britain has the highest death rate in the world from breast cancer and overall cancer deaths are increasing. Professional groups have long said that patients in some hospitals have been treated inadequately and with scant regard for the quality of their remaining life, while in others they have been treated sensitively and effectively.

Launching the plan, Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said it provided the health service with an opportunity to bring the care of all patients up to the standard of the best and would save lives. "By building on best practice we can improve survival rates by 5-10 per cent," she said. "This is an important opportunity for the NHS, setting out a blueprint for cancer services for the rest of this century and for the years ahead."

Cancer causes one in four of all deaths — 150,000 a year — and the rate is rising because of the ageing population. However, evidence has grown that many patients receive inferior care and die sooner because they are treated by doctors with little experience in their type of cancer.

Professor Karol Sikora, director of clinical oncology at Hammersmith Hospital, London, and a member of the expert group that produced the blueprint, said: "Even within the same postcode, one patient treated at one hospital may get one level of care and another living next door treated elsewhere may get a different level of care. Cancer services have built up in a very haphazard way. When implemented the plan should end the cancer lottery."

Professor Peter Selby, of St James's University Hospital, Leeds, said that in London half of women with breast cancer were treated in hospital units that saw less than 50 cases a year. Studies showed that survival rates for women treated in specialist units seeing up to 1,000 cases a year were almost 9 per cent higher after five years and more than 7 per cent higher at ten years.

Calman: change needed

The blueprint, *A policy framework for commissioning cancer services*, published by the Health Department, follows a discussion document published last year. It says that in future all cancer patients requiring surgery must be operated on by a specialist.

The royal colleges are considering the minimum acceptable volume of work necessary for a surgeon to qualify as a specialist in different types of cancer. The exact number of cases required for a hospital to run a cancer unit is to be issued next month. Other treatment, such as chemotherapy, should be given by specialist staff and radiotherapy should be given only in main cancer centres.

Professor Kenneth Calman, the Chief Medical Officer, said implementing the blueprint was urgent. "There will be change but that is what it is about — to avoid the cancer lottery." He said most district hospitals would continue to have a cancer unit but there could be changes in who did the work. There was wide support among professional groups for the changes.

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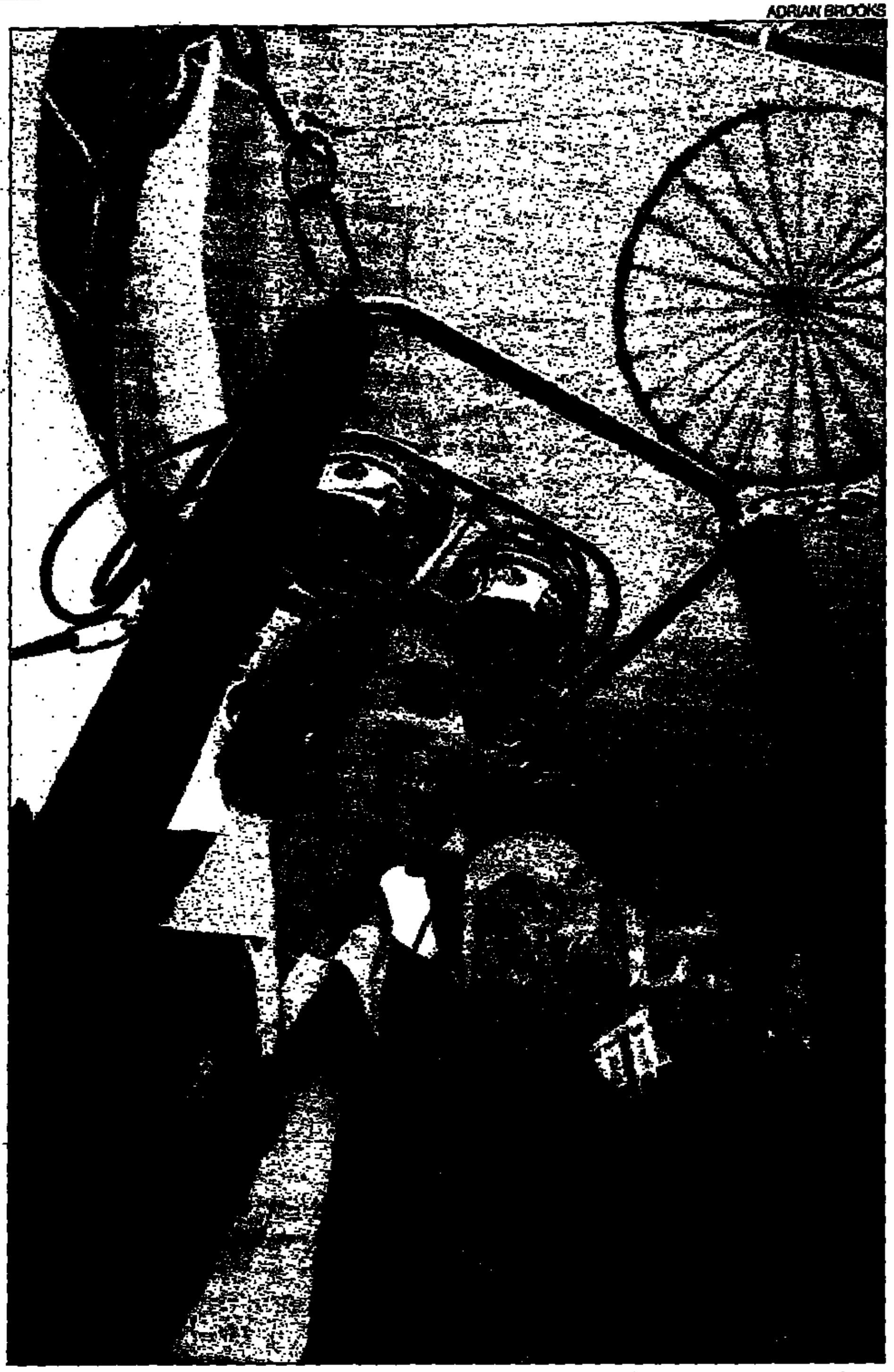

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, launched the Cancer Research Campaign's new hot air balloon outside St Paul's Cathedral yesterday. The balloon was donated by a businessman whose wife died of ovarian cancer last year

Trust may impose time limit on deer hunters

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

TIME restrictions on deer hunts may be introduced on National Trust land after evidence that long chases may increase the animals' suffering and the risk of kidney failure.

Professor Patrick Bateson, a leading animal welfare scientist from Cambridge University who was commissioned by the trust to investigate the impact of hunting, said yesterday that evidence from marathon runners and race horses showed that over-exertion broke down muscles, triggering renal failure.

"I want to look carefully at this, which is called myopathy, where animals have been very severely exercised. In running and horse racing there is constant checking . . . and they are pulled out of the race," he said.

The professor said there were claims in some cases that deer hunted by hounds escaped but never recovered. "They are found by somebody who rescues them and they still die. We want to find out how frequently this happens," he said.

Professor Bateson said he hoped to use radio collars and devices that measure heart rate and body temperature to study deer hunted on Exmoor. The local hunt had agreed to stage a series of mock hunts to help his research.

"The radio collars will allow remote monitoring of whether or not the deer is feeding, standing or sitting quietly or travelling from one site to another," he said.

Professor Bateson, president of the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour, said restrictions on the distance and duration of hunts "might well be one outcome".

The decision to carry out the year-long, £50,000 study into the effects of hunting of deer follows a vote by trust members in July last year, calling on the charity's council to examine cruelty surrounding hunting with hounds.

A spokesman for the trust said restrictions could be enforced on its land by adapting hunts' licences.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Accused Briton faces new charges

An escaped British prisoner accused of murdering a South African tourist in Singapore faced six more charges in court there yesterday. John Scripps, 35, was charged with five counts of forgery and one of vandalism — smashing a window at a Singapore police station after his arrest on March 19 — and was remanded in custody until May 2. He absconded from a Hertfordshire prison while serving 13 years for drug offences.

Town cut off

BT is investigating how 14,000 residential numbers in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, were left out of the latest edition of the Peterborough telephone directory. A supplement with the missing numbers is being printed. BT has blamed the omissions on a computer software problem.

Boy hanged

An 11-year-old boy was found hanged by his dressing gown cord. Police said the death of David Higginson, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, appeared to be an accident.

Part-time posts

The Post Office has hired 500 part-time workers to clear a backlog of six million letters caused by a two-week postal strike in Newcastle upon Tyne that ended yesterday.

Father dies in fire

David Howarth, 45, died after running back into his blazing home in Burnaston, Derbyshire, to rescue his daughter, not knowing that she had jumped to safety.

Meningitis death

A teenager died of meningitis at the weekend after being taken ill playing golf. Douglas Stump, 17, of Berkeley, Gloucestershire, had won youth caps for hockey.

Plucky porker

Four policemen took half-an-hour to pin down a "dangerous" Vietnamese pot-bellied pig called Porky in Fartown, Huddersfield, ending its month on the run.

Dual role wears down the working woman

By Catherine Milton
Social Services Correspondent

A THIRD of working women want to quit their jobs because men are not helping enough with children and household chores, according to a report published yesterday.

The survey of 2,000 women, with an average age of 39, was commissioned by *Top Santé*, a women's magazine. Researchers found that 76 per cent believed they had too many roles to perform inside and outside the home.

A quarter are stressed most of the time and 54 per cent feel exhausted at least once a week. One third think about death often and more than half have suffered depression. A third of women said they would choose to be "home-makers", while just over a quarter wanted careers. More than 40 per cent said they would choose lives of leisure if they could afford to.

Susan de Vere, who analysed the study, said: "It is not being tired of work in itself. They are tired of the amount they are expected to do. They are not getting the back-up from men. They feel they are being pulled in all directions."

She added: "We feel employers could do a lot more to support women. Many would like to work, say, three days a week and employers would benefit from a happier and more productive workforce."

Jane Garton, editor of *Top Santé*, said: "These findings are particularly remarkable given that more than half of our national survey sample currently hold down managerial or skilled jobs which they have worked hard to obtain. But there is no doubt that today's woman is under greater pressure than ever before."

The survey found that Scottish women feel the most stressed with 30 per cent saying they feel under pressure most of the time compared with a national average of 25 per cent. Sixty per cent of women in East Anglia suffer from depression compared with an average of 54 per cent.

Database of faces to put jurors in picture

By A Staff Reporter

A DATABASE of facial features to help to identify suspects captured on security cameras is being considered by the Home Office.

Jurors have no statistical data available to help them to compare a fuzzy video image with the face of a suspect in the dock. The database would give a probability of the appearance of certain features, such as a hooked nose or large ear lobes, on the same person.

Police and security firms admit that one of the difficulties in the campaign for greater use of cameras in public areas is that they do not always produce well-focused pictures. The Home Office has carried out research to enhance the images.

A feasibility study into the database is being conducted by Detective Constable Bob Wilcox, of Warwickshire Police, who specialises in providing artist's impressions and drawings for officers dealing with unidentified bodies.

He said: "At the scene of a crime, such as an armed robbery, an individual is caught on video and has got a dimple on his chin. With this information database, I can say this feature occurs in such a percentage of the population. If he has an other unusual feature, such as a cauliflower ear, this computer will be able to say how frequently these combinations occur.

"I don't think we will ever be able to say for certain 'that's the individual', but the probability of it being a picture of someone else is extremely remote."

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Sir Andrew in St James the Less, central London

Sir Andrew's £1m keeps churches open all hours

By Marianne Curphey

SOME of Britain's finest churches, locked for years against vandals and thieves, will reopen to the public this week under a project backed by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The Open Churches Trust, to which the composer has donated £1 million, will provide grants for churches wanting to keep their doors open outside service times by using a combination of security gadgets and "friendly staff".

The trust will work with English Heritage to allow people to view churches of all denominations that are of architectural interest. Launching the scheme at St James the Less, one of the finest 19th-century churches in the country and built in a former slum on Vauxhall Bridge Road, central London, Sir Andrew said that he hoped more people would be able to enjoy the "treasure trove of church buildings we have in Britain".

"I was brought up in central London and was able to develop my interest in architecture through my visits to churches," he said. "Many of them were in the inner city and they led me to my love of Victorian art. "All over the country, it was possible to visit important churches. Now, sadly, many of them are closed and some of them are closed all the time. With the help of local parishes, schools and businesses we would like to reopen as many as possible."

Eighteen churches have been selected for the three-year pilot scheme: six each in London, Suffolk and Liverpool. They include St Anne's in Limehouse, east London, an 18th-century masterpiece by Hawksmoor; St Mary the Virgin in Earl Stonham, Suffolk, built in phases in the 14th and early 16th centuries; and St Clare, Liverpool, built between 1880 and 1890 by Leonard Stokes, who became one of the best architects of the early 20th century and designed the North Court of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

The trust's patrons include Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker of the House of Commons, who yesterday described the scheme as "splendid". Melvyn Bragg, a co-trustee with Sir Andrew and John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, said: "I hope this will bring pleasure, solitude, an opportunity for prayer, or whatever people are looking for when they come to church."

Sir Andrew said that he hoped eventually to compile a book listing the opening times and architectural merits of the 6,200 Grade I listed churches in England, of which 3,000 are kept locked at present.

Judgment reserved on farm cheese

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

THE maker of one of Scotland's best known farmhouse cheeses will learn this week whether £50,000 of his product will be destroyed by health officials.

Humphrey Errington, who makes Lanark Blue cheese and is credited with reviving the Scottish farmhouse cheese industry, says that if a court ruling goes against him he will be put out of business.

Lord Weir reserved judgment yesterday at the Court of Session in Edinburgh after hearing that scientists had found traces of listeria in the cheese up to 5,000 higher than allowed by government guidelines. He will give his ruling by the end of the week. Farmhouse cheesemakers say many local cheeses may disappear if bacteria guidelines are stringently applied.

The court was told that 44 out of 50 batches of the cheese, made on Mr Errington's farm at Dunsyre, Strathclyde, were found by environmental health officials to contain Listeria monocytogenes. The worst level was 5,100 times above the guidelines. A ton of the cheese was condemned by a magistrate but Mr Errington won a stay of execution and has amassed huge support for his battle to continue selling the cheese.

His counsel, Michael Jones, QC, told the court that the listeria found in the cheese was not harmful and that because Mr Errington's lawyers had been prevented from cross-examining witnesses at the magistrate's hearing, the decision to condemn the cheese was void.

"If we lose we will go out of business," Mr Errington said yesterday. "We will have to sell the farm. It is not just us, we have seven staff." Sympathisers had donated £14,000 to a fighting fund but he had already lost £50,000 over the action.

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Ownership battle looms over Dürers Hitler stole

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

MASTERPIECES by Dürer held in some of the world's most famous museums are likely to become the subject of ownership disputes, according to art researchers.

The drawings by the German artist (1471-1528) were bought in good faith by museums including the Metropolitan in New York and Courtauld Institute Galleries in London. But they came from the collection of the Lubomirski Museum in Lviv, a town that is today in the Ukraine. Looted by the Nazis, they were passed on to Hitler.

According to this month's *Art Newspaper*, a Nazi document notes that a Polish art historian had to be "thoroughly interrogated" to reveal where the 24 Dürers were hidden.

At the end of the war the drawings were found by the Americans in an Austrian salt mine. They decided against returning them to Lviv which, by then, was part of the Soviet Union and which was too devastated by conflict to think of art. Instead, they secretly gave them to a descendant of the Lubomirski family in 1948.

The newspaper says that a year earlier Prince Georg Lubomirski had promised that, if the drawings were recovered, he would donate them to the National Gallery in Washington. However, it seems, he changed his mind and sold them on the international market, to the London dealer Colnaghi and the New York gallery Paul Drey.

Claims are believed to be being made by both the Ukraine and Poland. Lviv, formerly known as Lemberg, Lwow and Lvov, became Polish after the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918. The Lviv collection, which included the master's 1493 self-portrait, had been one of the finest collections of Dürer drawings in the world.

Hitler particularly loved his work — and was prepared to risk the paintings' destruction by taking them when he visited the Eastern Front. "They are as safe as they would be in Kracow, and besides, I can see them more often," he said.

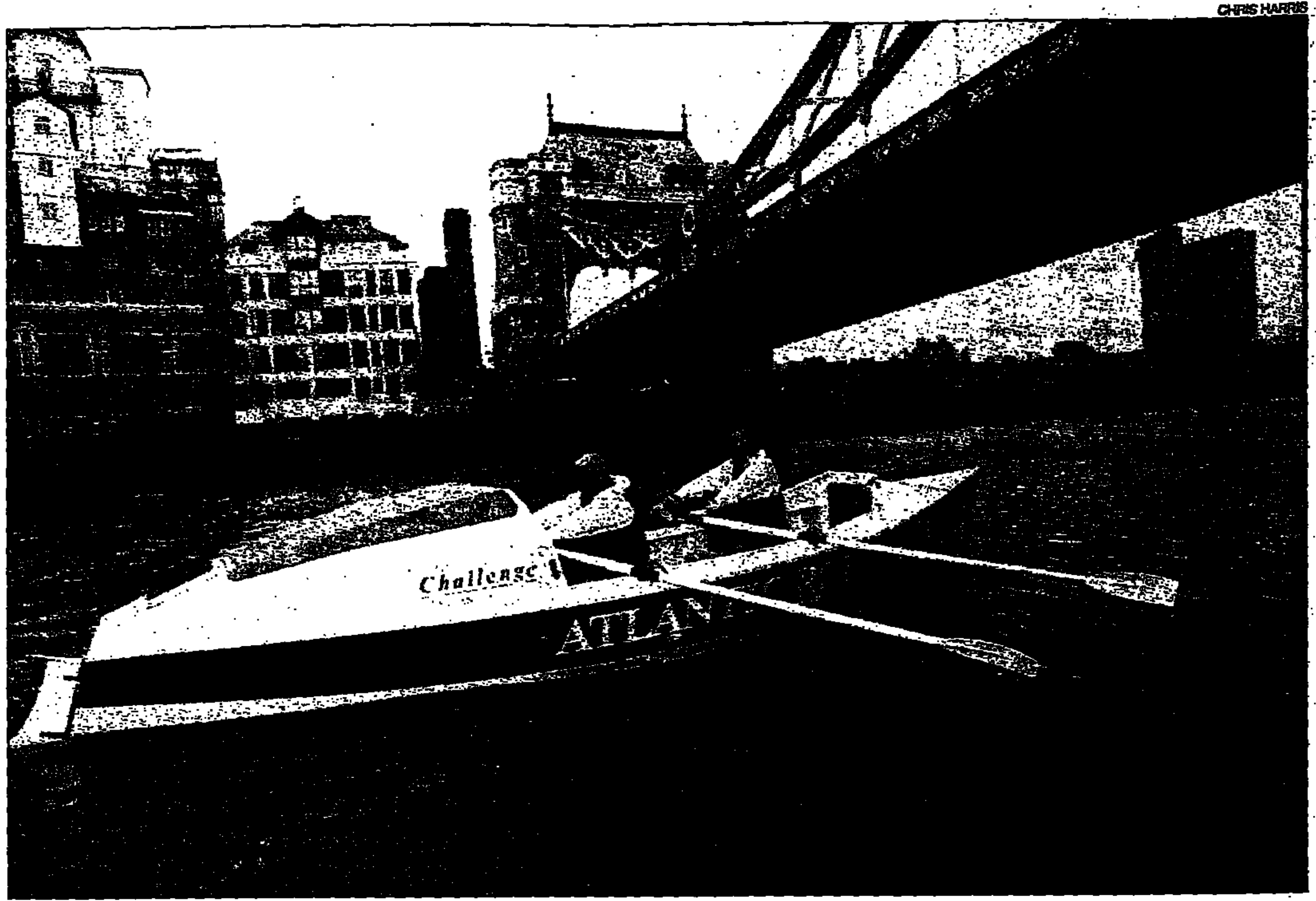
Hanna Mausch, director of the Polish Cultural Institute, said: "The international law in Europe, as far as restitution goes, says that all art objects should be returned to the place of origin. That means, even if the border has changed, the place matters."

The Art Newspaper says discussions began earlier this year between art historians in Poland and the Ukraine "which would presumably involve sharing any drawings which are eventually returned".

John Murdoch, director of the Courtauld Institute Galleries dismissed the possibility of a claim. He made a distinction between treasures missing from the great European collections and kept in secret and works such as their Dürer, *The Emperors Charlemagne and Sigismund*, which had been exhibited for 40 years. It was bought on the open market from a leading gallery.

He said: "I cannot see any basis for a claim. But if there were, we would respond in a way that was sensible and legally sound with advice from our lawyers."

Dürer: self-portrait


CHRIS HARRIS

Chay Blyth, left, in one of the race boats with David Jackson, who enjoyed testing the prototype so much that he decided to participate

Blyth sets ocean challenge to rival Everest

By Edward Gorman

CHAY BLYTH, the first man to sail the "wrong way" around the world, yesterday announced plans for the longest and toughest rowing race in history.

The 2,900-mile Atlantic Rowing Challenge will pit two-man crews against the Atlantic, providing a test of willpower and stamina to rival conquering Everest. The race, to begin in September 1997, will start in the Canary Islands and finish in the West Indies.

Blyth has an incredible record of seagoing achievements. He himself has crossed the Atlantic by oar. In 1966 he and John Ridgway completed the trip from the United States to Ireland in 92 days in a 22ft open dory. Four years later Blyth completed the first solo non-stop circumnavigation against the prevailing winds and currents in the yacht *British Steel*.

Announcing the new event at St Katharine's Yacht Club in London yesterday, Blyth said the race would help to satisfy the increasing desire among ordinary people to embark on once-in-a-lifetime adventures. "There are lots who want a challenge," said Blyth, whose company is also the organiser of the BT Global Challenge, billed as the world's toughest yacht race.

"This will be the longest rowing race in the world and there will be plenty of adrenalin and plenty of challenge. From my experience with both the British Steel Challenge and the BT Global Challenge, it is clear that there is a big demand for unusual quests that people who take part in will remember for the rest of their lives."

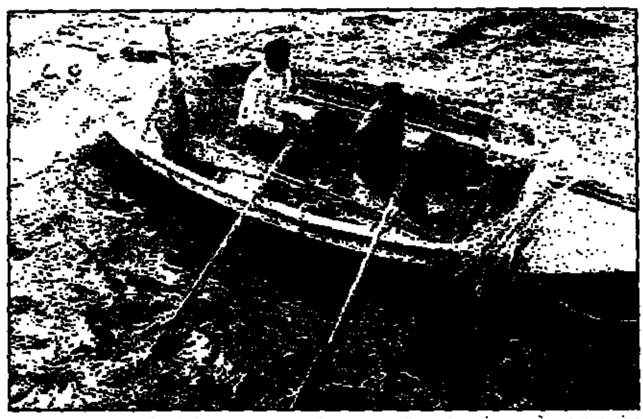
The race is open to 30 two-person crews of any nationality, between the ages of 21 and 60. The £20,000 fee will cover the cost of the boat and a contribution towards a support vessel which will accompany the fleet across the Atlantic.

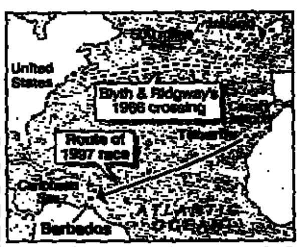
The boats, designed specially for the race, will be 23ft long and 6ft wide and weigh about 3,000lb when loaded. They will have a covered stern in which both rowers will be able to shelter, and stowage space for two months' supply of food and 80 gallons of water. Also, they will be self-righting in the event of capsize.

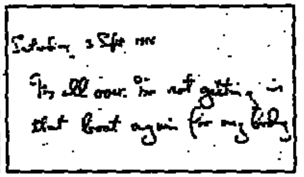
Competitors will be able to choose their oars and seats, but everything else will be standard. "We want the boats to be identical to ensure that the pair who win the race do so due to their rowing technique and courage, not because they have managed to raise suitable funds to build a state-of-the-art rowing boat," Blyth said.

The first confirmed entrants are David Jackson and Graham Burnett, both 25, from Tor Point, Cornwall. They have been conducting tests on the prototype boat for Blyth and enjoyed it so much that they decided to participate. Mr Burnett said he was impressed with the boat: "Instantly, when you get in a boat, you can tell if it's a bad one or a good one, and this was very, very good. We are very confident with it."

Was he looking forward to the race? "Two thousand nine hundred miles is going to be quite a slog in anything apart from a luxury liner," he said.



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It's all over. I'm not getting in that boat again for anybody

Blyth and Ridgway near the end of their voyage, which Blyth recorded in his diary

Professor creates a timely end for Schubert

By Paul Wilkinson

AN UNFINISHED movement of one of Franz Schubert's most popular pieces has been completed by an expert on the composer and will have its debut this summer.

Schubert abandoned the second movement of a quartet in C minor after writing only 40 bars in 1820. The first part, known as the Quartettsatz, has become one of the most popular pieces in the repertoire of the modern string ensemble.

Brian Newbould, Professor of Music at the University of Hull, has written his interpretation of how the second, *andante*, movement would have concluded. The work will first be played by the Allegri String Quartet as part of the university's Midsummer Music programme in June.

The Quartettsatz was written when the style of the Austrian composer was developing fast and is considered by many to be the first work of his maturity. It is one of several pieces he began but did not finish, moving restlessly on to new ideas.

Professor Newbould has already written conclusions for three unfinished symphonies by Schubert which have been performed and recorded by orchestras.

Until recently he did not believe the 40 bars of the quartet's second movement were enough to give him an idea of how Schubert intended it to develop. But research among Schubert's records in his home city of Vienna and a reappraisal of every one of his instrumental works gave Professor Newbould, 59, enough clues to work on.

He said: "It became clear that Schubert would have extrapolated a further theme from those already penned and that this was the key to the completion of the expository part of the movement. After that, working through the structural consequences to the end was less hazardous.

"Parts were quite difficult and others were not so bad. It took me about two weeks, on and off, to finish, a lot more time than Schubert often took to dash off some of his work."

Race to save fern on edge of extinction

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

BRITISH scientists have launched a mission to save one of the world's rarest plants from extinction. There are believed to be only two specimens of the fern *Adiantum asarifolium* left on Mauritius.

Biologists are determined that the fern, which fossil records show dates back to the dinosaur age, will not follow the dodo, the island's most famous former resident. To that end, Dr Stuart Linsey of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh has, over the past few days, been abseiling down mountain ridges searching for more ferns and logging the plight of other rare and endangered species. There are thought to be 1,500 species of plant on the island, which is roughly the size of Oxfordshire, of which more than a third could be in danger of extinction.

Under the fern rescue plan, a captive breeding programme is to be set up on Mauritius. The only other known specimen lives in the gardens in Edinburgh and the team plans to take its spores to Mauritius to improve the genetic health of the species so that it is less likely to be weakened by in-breeding.

Collector's antiques weighed eight tons

By John Shaw

A COLLECTION of antiques worth up to £70,000 and weighing almost eight tons has been discovered at a house in Manchester. Every room in the modest pre-war semi-detached property was packed from floor to ceiling with 500 boxes containing 4,000 pieces of antique metalwork and wooden objects including hundreds of candlesticks and snuff boxes.

It took three days using two 20ft furniture vans to remove the collection which the late Derrick Bradbury, an accountant, spent a lifetime amassing. Mr Bradbury, an authority on metalwork, died in September aged 66. Specialists from Phillips in Chester were called in to examine the collection at his home in Burnage.

Antony Bennett, managing director of Phillips in the North West, led a team of specialists who took two weeks to catalogue the hoard, which will be sold on May 13. He said: "This is a vast and incredible collection. Many pieces have not seen the light of day for many years. We won't know exactly what there is until we begin unpacking in earnest, but we are dealing with a veritable museum of English household life from the 17th century onwards."

He estimated there were between 200 and 300 candlesticks, 1,500 pieces of pewter, sizeable collections of money, tobacco, match and snuff boxes, and a huge quantity of domestic items ranging from tools to kitchen equipment.

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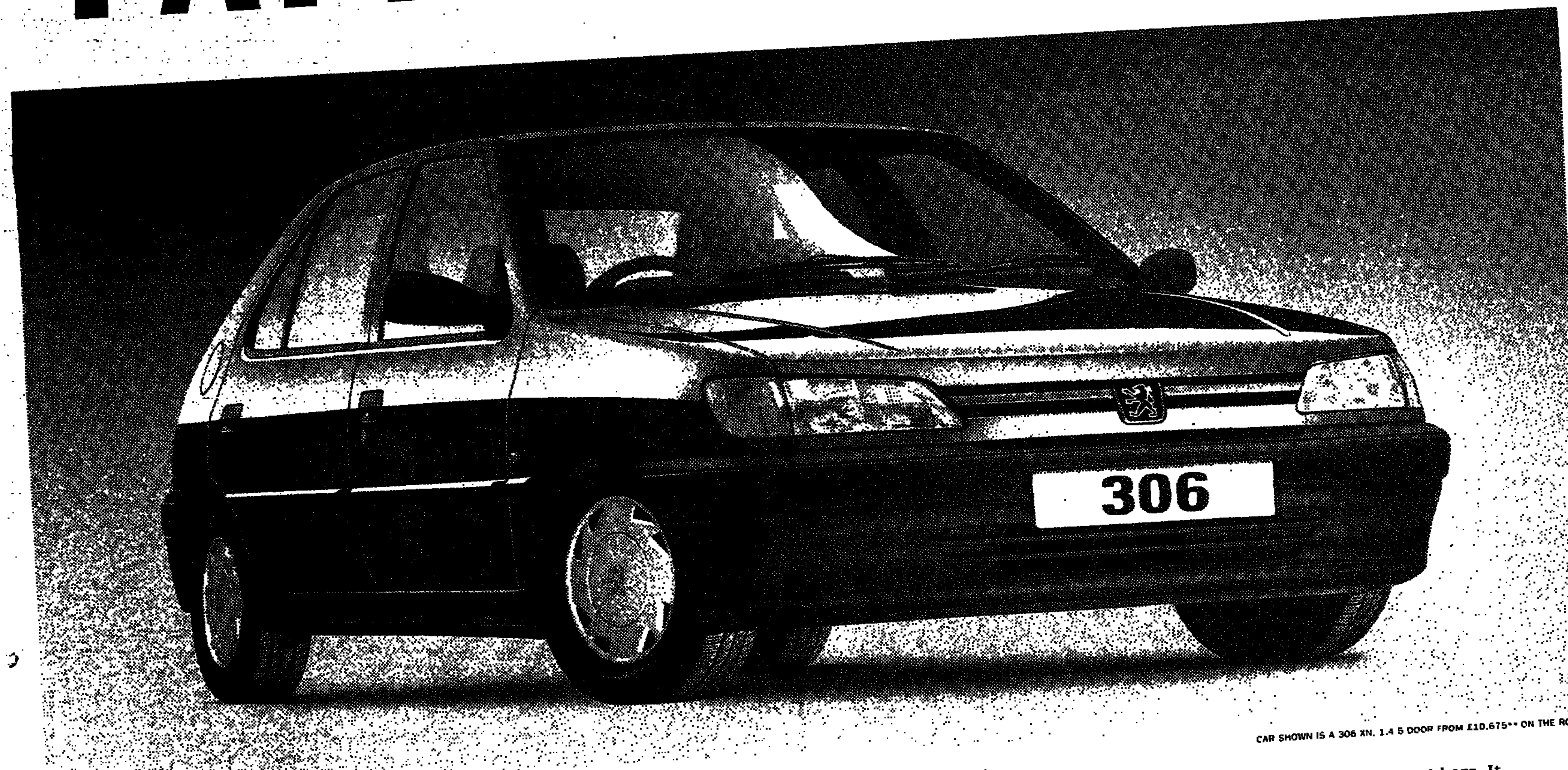

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Blair wins union support for Clause 4 campaign

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

TONY BLAIR *warned the trade unions last night against* ignoring their members' support for his campaign to modernise the Labour Party.

The Labour leader was speaking after the shopworkers union Usdaw voted overwhemingly to back his replacement of the party's Clause Four commitment to nationalisation.

Mr Blair, asked after the Usdaw vote about the position of unions such as the TGWU transport workers, whose leaders have rejected change, said: "I think they have got to be very careful in taking a decision that is contrary to the wishes of ordinary members." He said that all the membership ballots taken in the party had produced big majorities for change.

Leaders of one of Labour's largest unions, the GMB general workers, are expected to follow suit today, virtually guaranteeing Mr Blair victory at the party's special conference on Clause Four this week.

Taking into account both trade union votes and the expected pattern of voting by constituency party members, close supporters of Mr Blair calculate that he could win support for his proposed new Clause Four of the party's constitution by about 2-1.

The Usdaw decision, taken by delegates at the union's annual conference in Blackpool, was in line with expectations. Labour strategists, however, were pleased to secure the support of another union after the TGWU and the public service union Unison voted against changing Clause Four.

GMB officials expect the union's 83-strong central executive council to to support Mr Blair today. Labour leaders plan to use the Usdaw and GMB votes as part of their calls to the special conference delegations from Unison and the TGWU to abandon their opposition to changing Clause Four. Usdaw delegates have 5 per cent of the total conference vote, and GMB delegates 12 per cent.

Some of the 650 delegates at the shopworkers' conference argued against Mr Blair's proposals, but the conference vote saw only a small minority against change. Mr Blair said: "I am delighted with the result. It shows a union in touch with its members."

The Usdaw decision followed a conference speech by Mr Blair at which he urged unions to support his planned reforms of the party's constitution and said change was "healthy". He was greeted with a standing ovation as he arrived in the conference hall, and his 40-minute speech, in which he strongly attacked the Tories for being the "most discredited administration" this century, was loudly applauded.

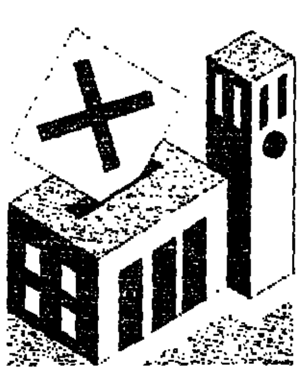
Mr Blair told the conference that he was "haunted" by the prospect of another Tory victory at the next general election, and as he left he said: "I hope people will listen to the overwhelming support for change coming in from every single ballot that has been conducted. The vast majority of ordinary Labour members want a modern, forward-thinking and up-to-date Labour Party."

Bill Connor, Usdaw's deputy general secretary, said: "The existing clause is part and parcel of our history. But let's face it, it does not speak to the economic realities of the late 20th century."

Blair: Labour members want a modern party

Lib Dems to test new-look Labour

By Kate Alderson



LOCAL ELECTIONS

THE North West is the setting for some of the most bitter council election struggles between Labour and the Liberal Democrats, with the Tories often trailing in third place.

Allegations of dirty tricks are common during campaigning, especially in Liverpool, where last week one lawyer was overheard comparing the election run-up to the grouse season. His client list of Labour and Liberal Democrat councillors threatening legal action against each other is in double figures.

The city has seen power switch back and forth between Labour and the Liberal Democrats since the early 1970s. At present no party holds absolute control but Labour has 45 seats, while the Liberal Democrats have 42.

Last year Labour gained five seats in Liverpool and the Liberal Democrats gained four. Harry Rimmer, leader of the Labour group, said: "If we repeat last year's result, where we were elected in 17 of the 33 seats we contested, then we will take control."

Mr Rimmer is aware that the party's biggest task between now and May 4 is to defend Liverpool's council tax, the country's highest at £865 for band C properties, and £64 million worth of cuts.

Mike Storey, the Liberal Democrat leader, believes that the vote-pulling power of a "new Labour" is yet to be tested. "We could take the council by a whisker but it depends what the Blair factor is," he said.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats are also fighting for absolute control of the councils in Stockport, Oldham and Rochdale.

Stand by for an underrated but important event

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Potentially the most incendiary political event of the next fortnight may be the least discussed so far at Westminster. Not the return to the fold of the whipless Tory Euro-rebels, nor Saturday's vote on Clause Four (crucial though that is for Tony Blair's New Labour), nor the local elections in England and Wales on May 4. The joker in the pack may be the meeting on May 5, after the results come in, between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George to discuss a possible rise in interest rates.

The publication of the minutes of the monthly meetings between the Chancellor and the Governor has changed the balance of financial decision-making and introduced an anti-inflationary bias into economic policy in a way still not properly understood by MPs. In theory, decisions over whether and how much to change rates remain with the Chancellor, while the Governor decides when such moves should be implemented. But, in practice, the Governor has gained a decisive say over whether and how much rates should move.

The two cannot be seen to disagree for long. Financial markets are always likely to side with the Governor's anti-inflationary instincts and punish a Chancellor who persisted in rejecting the Bank's advice, particularly to raise rates. There is a gap of six weeks between their meetings and publication of the mintues. This gives time, and two more meetings, in which any disagreement can be resolved. Mr Clarke recognises the constraint this means for him — and any subsequent Chancellor. But others in Whitehall, including the Prime Minister, were more cautious about the change.

This relationship is, however, inherently unstable, neither giving the Bank of England full independent control over monetary policy, as in Germany or America, nor retaining traditional accountability to Parliament for interest rate changes. Much depends on the personalities of the Chancellor and Governor. At present, they broadly agree on goals, though there are differences of emphasis on the relative weight to be given to evidence of a slowdown in the economy and signs of higher inflation. The change has enhanced the power of the Bank relative to the Treasury: hence the attention surrounding the appointment of Howard Davies as deputy-governor.

There are implications not just now but for any future Government. Gordon Brown has accepted the publication of the minutes and the existence of an inflation target. These would be as powerful constraints on Labour in office as they will be on the Tories' scope to relax policy and tax cuts over the next two years, especially in the absence of the discipline of a fixed exchange rate. Mr Brown, however, believes the current half-way house is unstable. He argues that the inflation target needs to be supplemented by a growth target to ensure an anti-inflationary stance consistent with high levels of sustainable growth over the long term. Mr Brown also says the current system is insufficiently accountable and transparent. There is no open debate within the Bank. Instead, the setting of the inflation target and its implementation should be made clearer and more predictable.

> ‘Tory MPs should brace themselves for higher interest rates...’

The opponents of monetary union sometimes assume that this frees the Government from constraints. But a floating exchange rate has costs and can result in equally painful interest rate decisions. On March 8, Mr Clarke and Mr George expressed concern over the exchange rate and it has fallen sharply since then. No wonder that the International Monetary Fund warned this weekend that the Government might have to raise interest rates again soon "if it was serious about sticking to its medium-term inflation target", while the weakness of the pound argued for earlier steps than otherwise would have been required. Tory MPs should brace themselves for higher interest rates as much as for the loss of 1,500 or 2,000 council seats.

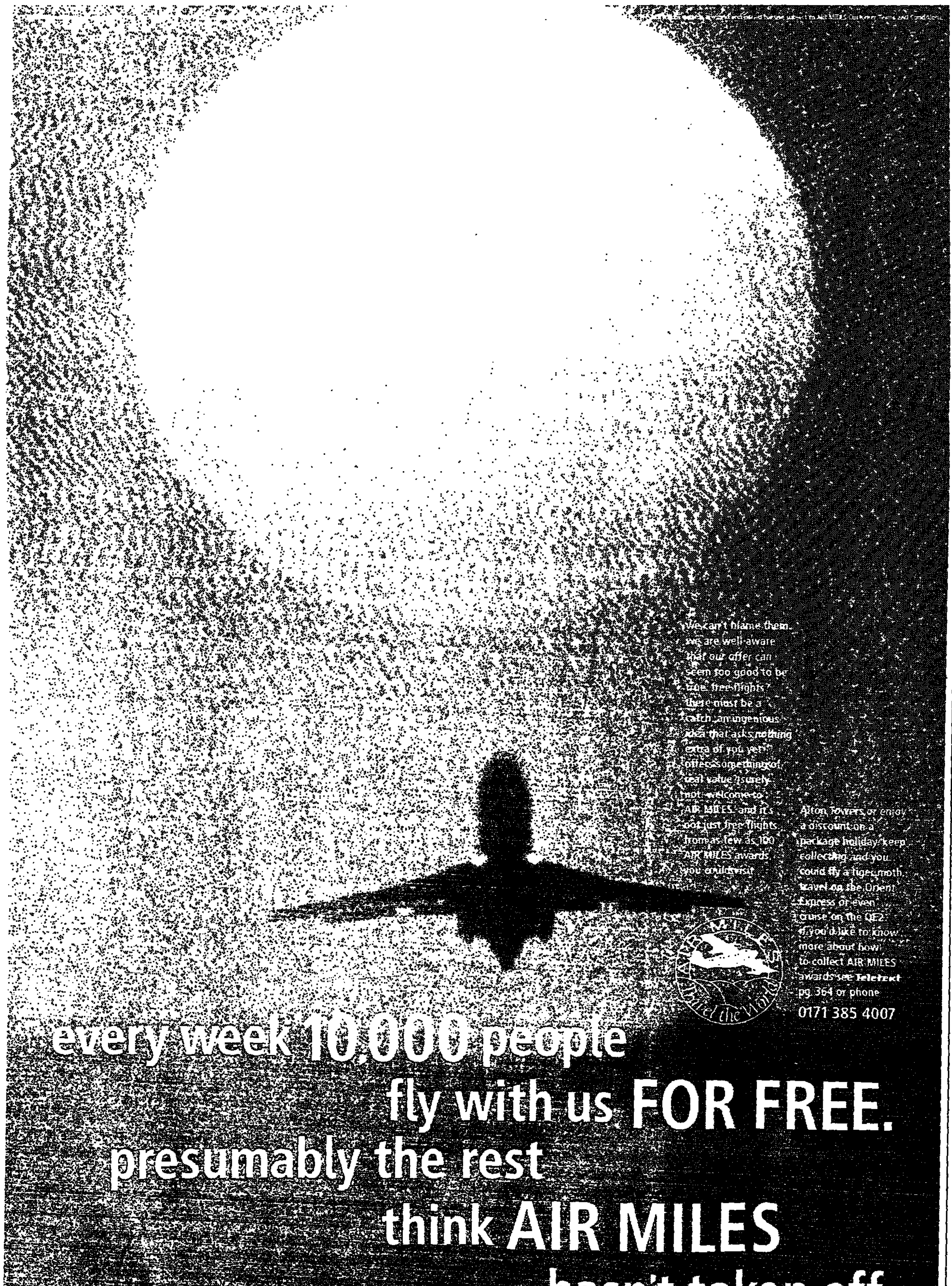
PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: *questions to Welsh ministers, the* Attorney-General and the Overseas Development Administration were followed by the Pensions Bill, second reading.

In the Lords: debate on the Olympic Symbol (Protection) Bill, report, Health Authorities Bill, report, and Crown Agents Bill, report.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to education ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by a debate on the Medical (Professional Performance) Bill, second reading, opened by Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary. *In the Lords:* debate on the Jobseekers Bill.



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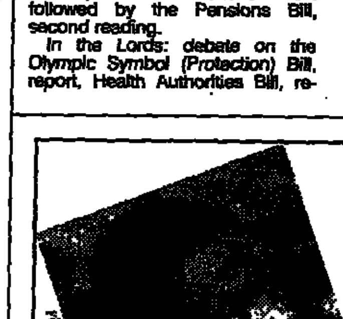

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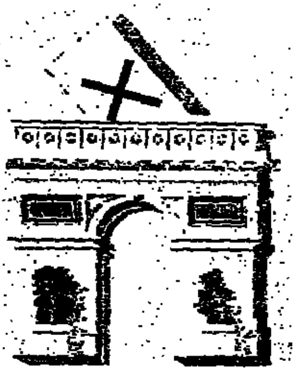
Big swing to far Right signals French 'desire for simple solutions in a complex world'

Jospin triumph dents Chirac's aura of success

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS



LIONEL JOSPIN and Jacques Chirac, the finalists for the French presidency, yesterday set out to rally support after a sobering first round which saw a swath of the electorate turn its back on the candidates of the establishment.

As campaign strategists digested the surprise results of Sunday's vote, M Chirac, 62, acted swiftly to shore up the fractured conservative camp, making overtures to Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and Gaullist party colleague who came close to beating him. M Balladur last night insisted that his strong showing meant that M Chirac must take his camp's ideas into account for the second round. M Balladur told an emotional crowd of campaign workers that the emergence of a strong left-wing candidate meant that "there are now risks in the second round".

M Jospin, 57, who took the lead with with 23.2 per cent of the vote, sought to capitalise on an unexpected success which stripped M Chirac of his favourite's aura and made him look beatable. The longtime disciple of President Mitterrand sketched his line of attack against M Chirac for the May 7 run-off: emphasising Europe and depicting M Chirac as a discredited conservative. The Gaullist leader could prove particularly vulnerable to the pro-Maastricht Socialist if pinned down on his ambiguous stance over the European Union. At the same time, M Jospin's team floated talk of a tandem "ticket" involving Martine Aubry, 44, the popular politician daughter of Jacques Delors.

While the race has narrowed to a classic race between the champions of the Left and Right, the political world registered the powerful message of protest in the unprecedented 37 per cent of the vote which went to the hard, anti-European Left and far Right. M Jospin can be fairly sure of the backing of the 8.7 per cent who voted Communist as well as the 9 per cent who opted for the Trotskyite and the Green candidates, but M Chirac has been unsettled by the 15.2 per cent, registered by his foe, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the anti-immigrant National Front. The 4.8 per cent who voted for Philippe de Villiers, the other hard nationalist, are expected to move to M Chirac.

"Confronted with the complexity of the world, quite a few French are awaiting simple, virile solutions," said the pro-Gaullist *Le Figaro*. "They are seeking the irrational."

M Le Pen, whose creed enjoys sympathy from a minority of right-wing Gaullists, made clear he would sell his support dear, if at all, to M Chirac. In contrast, he called M Jospin "a respectable man".

Alain Juppé, M Chirac's chief deputy, said the National Front had "legitimate preoccupations which should be taken into consideration". Philippe Séguin, the anti-Maastricht lieutenant to M Chirac, said M Le Pen's strong score was an expression of despair.

Though M Chirac, should benefit from the 60 per cent vote which went to conservative candidates, there was a consensus that his poor showing had enfeebled him. No candidate has won the election to the Fifth Republic presidency with less than 25 per cent in the first round.

Both M Jospin and M Chirac face big obstacles in their campaigns to convince voters that they are offering the radical change which France is deemed to yearn for. One big change M Jospin would be certain to offer would be the dissolution of parliament and the calling of a general election.

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Lionel Jospin, the Socialist presidential candidate, is greeted by supporters at a press conference in Paris. His victory defied all poll and pundit predictions

THE FINAL RESULTS

Candidate	Votes	% Share
Lionel Jospin (Socialist)	7,102,018	23.30
Jacques Chirac (Gaullist)	6,351,951	20.84
Edouard Balladur (Gaullist)	5,662,124	18.58
Jean-Marie Le Pen (National Front)	4,573,252	15.00
Robert Hue (Communist)	2,634,187	8.64
Arlette Laguiller (Trotskyist)	1,616,566	5.30
Philippe de Villiers (Movement for France)	1,444,082	4.74
Dominique Voynet (Green)	1,011,488	3.32
Jacques Cheminade (New Solidarity Fed)	85,166	0.28

Turnout: 78.42%

Le Pen's support grows where once Left was supreme

FROM ADAM SAGE IN CHÂLETTE-SUR-LOING

ROGER LEGOUT took a sip of pastis and explained why he had voted for Jean-Marie Le Pen on Sunday. "There are too many foreigners here and they get all the help," he said, leaning on the bar at the Jupiter Café in Châlette-sur-Loing, about 60 miles southeast of Paris. "We Frenchmen get nothing."

The argument is wrong but persuasive, as the remarkably high score achieved by the leader of the extreme right-wing National Front indicates. Exploiting concern over immigration and anger about corruption within France's ruling classes, M Le Pen polled more than 15 per cent of the vote in Sunday's first round of the presidential election, confounding the pollsters and pundits.

Not only will this enable him to weigh heavily in the debate ahead of the second round of the election on 7 May, but it also marks the failure of attempts to marginalise his party.

Despite protest movements on the Left and the introduction of tough anti-immigration measures by the Right, M Le Pen, 67, did better than ever, and would have done better still without Philippe de Villiers, the anti-Maastricht campaigner, who obtained just under 5 per cent of the vote.

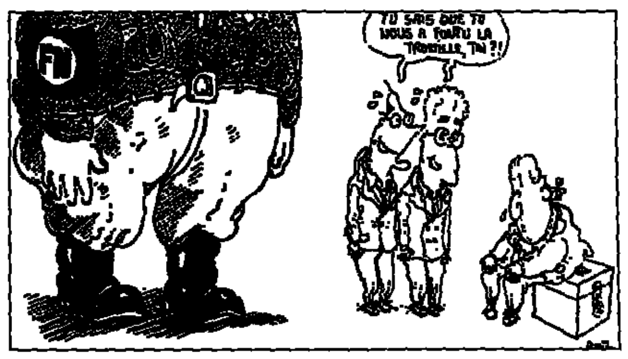
Châlette-sur-Loing offers graphic illustration of the power the extreme Right will now enjoy. Situated near Orleans, birthplace of one of M Le Pen's favourite symbols, Joan of Arc, it lies within a region that, although prosperous, gained the National Front almost 16 per cent of the vote.

Châlette itself, once a bastion of the Left, voted strongly for M Le Pen, putting him ahead of his rivals and giving his party a good chance of winning the town hall in June's municipal elections. More than the figures, however, it is Châlette's geography that provides the starkest evidence of how M Le Pen has been able to put down roots here.

A town of 15,000 residents, it is divided by the Loing canal, which cuts through the heart of a giant rubber factory that belches smoke over the gentle slopes of the forest of Montargis beyond. To the east of the canal, the houses are neat, the pavements deserted and the squares brightened by springtime flowers. There are few immigrants to be seen here.

To the west, the council estates sprawl, youths hang around on street corners, the cafés serve kebabs and mint teas, and immigrants constitute a large majority.

M Legout, 57, lives to the east. "When I was born, there were no foreigners in Châlette," he said, putting his pastis back on the counter. "In fact, that's not true. There were the Italians and the Polish. But they were all right. Not like the Turks and the blacks today."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In *Le Monde*'s view, Chirac and Jospin fail to see Le Pen as they tell the defeated Balladur: "You know, you really scared the hell out of us there"

European police row strains Bonn-Paris alliance

Chirac: question mark over attitude to Bonn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

A SIMMERING dispute over the future of Europol, the proposed European police network, is straining relations between France and Germany and has underlined how fragile the axis has become as a result of the presidential changeover in Paris.

President Mitterrand, who has built up a close relationship with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, promised at the European summit in Essen last December that the last French objections to the network would be cleared away by June. Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, made a similar commitment, much to the satisfaction of the German leader who regards the network as an important symbolic step towards deepening the European Union.

However, bureaucratic arguments, disguising broader differences over national sovereignty and European federal structures, are all but crippling the new organisation. The latest dispute, according to Joachim Jacob, the German data ombudsman, is about the right of individuals to gain access to all personal information gathered in police computers. Germans have a constitutional right to this information and want it extended at a European level. The French have no such right and reject the idea.

The problem could perhaps have been solved under a President Balladur. Whether a President Jospin or Chirac would be willing to make significant concessions to the German leader seems at best doubtful. This uncertainty colours the whole relationship as France prepares for the second round of the presidential election.

A Franco-German compromise on the nature of institutional reform in Europe is clearly a prerequisite for a successful outcome to the 1996 negotiations on political union. Yet the scope for any deal is becoming narrower. Herr Kohl seems to have lost not only his intimate friend M Mitterrand but also M Balladur, the man most willing to push for a single currency by 1997.

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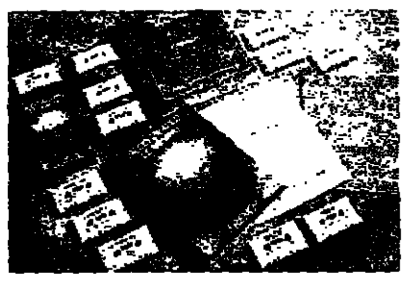

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Deng's children on standby amid new concerns for health

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ALL five of Deng Xiaoping's children are reported to have been recalled to Peking and to have cancelled trips because of their father's health.

According to the report, Deng Rong, the 90 year-old supreme leader's daughter and biographer, will now not go to Tokyo as planned next month. Her host, the Japan-China Friendship Association, confirmed the cancellation, but said Ms Deng was ill and in hospital.

Mr Deng's eldest son, Pufang, who is a paraplegic and spokesman for China's handicapped, has curtailed a tour of the country. A younger son, Zhifang, a rich entrepreneur with interests in Shanghai, Canton and Hong Kong, has stayed in Peking for some time, while Mr Deng's other daughters, Lin and Nan, have also cancelled planned trips.

Mr Deng's health was the subject of intense speculation late last year. The latest report, in the *Eastern Express*, a Hong Kong English-language newspaper, did not detail sources but it has been confirmed that some are within the Deng family and others are close to Deng Rong's publishing network.

It has been obvious for at least a year that Mr Deng's health is poor. The photograph taken of him at the Chinese New Year, in February, showed a frail, chair-bound figure staring vacantly ahead. Two years ago, when he was occasionally seen in public, he trembled badly and was supported on both sides by his daughters. They alone could understand his utterances, which were given great weight by the official press.

In China, the subject of Mr Deng's health is now rarely commented on officially. Deng Rong was forced to modify her remarks to *The New York Times* in January, which gave the impression that her father was sliding towards death and that China might change direction politically afterwards.

It is also plain that President Jiang Zemin, whom Mr Deng first named as "core leader" in 1989 and who was recently confirmed as Mr Deng's successor by Li Peng, the Prime Minister, has been undermining his mentor by disgracing some of his closest supporters.

These include Zhou Guanwu, the chairman of Peking's largest steel plant — an old army comrade of Mr Deng's — together with his son, Zhou Beifang, who is a business associate of Deng Zhifang, and Wang Baosen, a deputy mayor of Peking who recently shot himself because of impending corruption charges.

Despite Mr Deng's high reputation because of his economic reforms, his children are vulnerable to charges of corruption, being the prototypical example of the "Red Princes", as the rich children of party leaders are known.

Deadly attack on cult's science chief

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN TOKYO

HIDEO MURAI, the science chief for the Aum Shinrikyo cult, died in hospital yesterday after he was stabbed three times on Sunday night outside the cult's headquarters in Tokyo. Hirouko Jo, 29, his alleged attacker, is under arrest.

Murai's death could hamper the investigation into last month's sarin attack on the Tokyo subway, which the police believe is connected with the sect.

The cult suffered another blow yesterday when Shigeyuki Hasegawa, one of its chemists, was arrested on charges of stockpiling glycerin and other chemicals.

Hideo Murai, the Aum Shinrikyo science chief, above, being attacked by Hirouko Jo, right, who is under arrest

Colony edgy as more top officials go early

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY

WITH a full-scale Commons debate on Hong Kong scheduled for Thursday, MPs will be focused on the growing crisis of confidence in the colony marked by early retirements among senior police and government staff.

Eddie Hui, the Commissioner of Police, recently denied that up to one third of his 2,900 officers above the rank of inspector intend to resign or retire before 1997, although this is contradicted by officers speaking off the record. But the service was rocked by the recent announcement of the impending resignation of Peter So, the Deputy Commissioner, whose task it has been to encourage senior officers to stay on. A colleague engaged in the same role, Senior Assistant Commissioner Peter Lee, is also taking early retirement.

The civil service, too, is rife with resignation and retirement rumours, enlivened by the early retirement of two "policy secretaries", Michael Leung, the Secretary for Education and Manpower, and James So, the Secretary for Culture.

Chris Patten, the Governor, and Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary, both insist that no significance attaches to the departure of the two men. Mr Patten said last week that both resignations "come at the end of long and distinguished public careers".

Ms Chan, though, has called on China "to do something concrete to appease the worries of the civil servants over the transition". In private, the Chief Secretary is reported to have spoken more bluntly about the need for Peking to calm bureaucratic worries in the colony.

The Chinese side blames the Hong Kong Government for the unease, and in particular Mr Patten. One of the Peking-controlled newspapers here, *Ta Kung Pao*, accused the Governor of "spreading rumours about China settling accounts with civil servants" after 1997, a reference to his reluctance to hand civil service files over to China before the takeover.

☐ **Peking:** China's wealthiest province, southern Canton has promised to eliminate poverty by 1997, when its neighbour, Hong Kong, reverts to Chinese rule. (*Reuter*)

Patten: blamed by China over unease

Schoolboy charged in fraudulent share racket

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

A SCHOOLBOY was last night charged in connection with a multimillion-pound fraud involving seven of Australia's biggest companies.

The 16-year-old, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, is alleged to have helped to mastermind a share market swindle worth £2.25 million.

James Samuel Paris, 23, a share clerk who works for a Perth-based financial company, was also charged with fraud. Police are searching for a third person believed to be implicated in the racket, which involved forging share transfer certificates to obtain share certificates worth $Aus5 million. Mr Paris and the schoolboy are expected to face more charges.

The Australian Stock Exchange was alerted to the fraud a few days before Easter, when Perth stockbrokers unwittingly caught in the sting, informed police.

The share racket triggered a big investigation by the Australian Securities Commission, the Stock Exchange and the Perth Fraud Squad. Fourteen fraudulent share transfer documents were found to have been issued for such well-known Australian companies as Santos, Westpac and Coles Myer, since the beginning of the month.

Police said the schoolboy tried to sell the shares just before the Easter break. The idea was to deposit the proceeds into a number of bank accounts under several names.

Mahathir's Islamic bogey falls flat

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KOTA BHARU, MALAYSIA

THE Malay heartland state of Kelantan has renamed the Beach of Passionate Love. It is now Moonlight Beach. Gambling has been banned, alcohol restricted, and women are required to wear a headscarf. A man must not be "in close proximity" to a woman who is not his wife.

As Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, would have it, these loosely enforced rules are proof that Islamic fundamentalism is running riot in Kelantan, a bastion of Malay culture and the only state out of 13 that his Government does not control. He wound up his election campaign yesterday with a warning that Islamic extremists threatened the carefully constructed harmony between Malays, Chinese and Indians.

It is empty propaganda. The inhabitants of Kelantan are no more menacing than the hundreds of thousands of orthodox Muslims who don suits and ties and work in Kuala Lumpur. Dr Mahathir has been talking up the Islamic threat in the hope of scaring Kelantan away from the Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS), which captured the state from him in 1990.

They laugh at Dr Mahathir's rhetoric in the grubby PAS office in the state capital of Kota Bharu. They can afford to: even before the votes are counted tonight and tomorrow, they are certain they have again defied his mighty political machine.

Kelantan, rooted in agriculture and with cultural links to Thailand and Cambodia, is not dazzled by Dr Mahathir's promises of huge development funds if it returns to his fold. A tradition of Islamic scholarship has made it the most conservative of the 13 states, but rabidly fundamentalist it is not.

Hashim Omar, a senior PAS official, says: "We have excellent relations with all other religions in Kelantan."

Malaysia is haunted by the 1969 anti-Chinese riots, spurred by Muslim resentment of Chinese wealth. For all Dr Mahathir's warnings, there is probably less chance of racial conflict now than at any time since independence in 1957. The balm of money has healed the 1969 wounds: all groups are better off and the owners of the limousines prowling Kuala Lumpur's streets are today as likely to be Malays as Chinese.

For all its comparative poorness, Kelantan plainly prefers its Islamic identity and unspoiled Malay culture to Dr Mahathir's promises of vast investment. People do not believe a religious threat exists and they are unlikely to so long as there is enough prosperity to go around.

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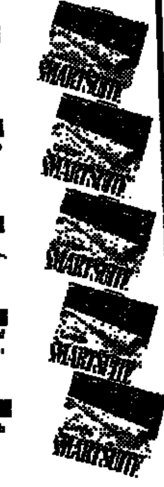

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Clinton denounces chat show hosts' message of hate

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND TOM RHODES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

PRESIDENT CLINTON last night accused right-wing radio talk show hosts and other "purveyors of hatred and division" of fomenting the climate of anger in America that led to last Wednesday's Oklahoma City bombing.

These "promoters of paranoia" had given the impression that "violence is acceptable", said Mr Clinton, seizing the chance to lash out at some of his most vitriolic political critics. They had to realise that their bitter words had consequences, he declared. It was time for all Americans to stand up against their extremism, warning that the majority's continued silence in the face of such a threat to "our country, our future, our way of life", was "unforgivable".

The President is demanding sweeping new powers to crack down on domestic terrorism in the wake of the bombing. Vowing to "purge ... the dark forces which gave rise to this evil", Mr Clinton is sending Congress legislation empowering federal agents to comb the telephone, credit card and travel records of right-wing paramilitary extremists and other groups suspected of terrorism. He will demand more funds to monitor and infiltrate such organisations and is to establish an inter-agency Domestic Counter-terrorism Centre co-ordinated by the FBI.

Clinton: violence is not acceptable

Mr Clinton wants a review of security at all government buildings across the country, and there is now a real possibility that Pennsylvania Avenue will be closed to traffic in front of the White House.

In Oklahmoma City, the sixth day of the rescue search, coinciding with the first funerals for victims, all but extinguished hope of more survivors being found.

While firemen and volunteers said they were close to the children's day care centre and the underlying social security offices — areas devastated by the blast — other damage at the scene had increasingly hampered efforts to find those still missing.

"I'm going to be hoping and praying until we turn over the last piece of rock and find the last body," said Stacey Ward, a fireman. The rubble of the nursery has created a psychological block for the workers. They know that the impact of hundreds of hours of digging will not merely affect the rescue teams, it will touch the entire community. "That's when I'll be falling apart," Mr Ward said.

For some of those involved in the search, depression has turned to anger, directed mostly at Timothy McVeigh, until yesterday the only man charged in connection with the bombing. In a particularly telling incident the previous evening, a drunken agent from the Drug Enforcement Agency took out his gun in the middle of a restaurant, saying he would avenge a colleague lost in the building.

"I've spent four days in that building and I can tell you there's nothing left more than the size of a plate," said the man, red-eyed with drink and grief, "I'll shoot McVeigh if I see him in open court."

Washington: The Justice Department is preparing to bring arms charges against two brothers, Terry and James Nichols, being questioned about the bombing, as a means of holding them while investigators seek further evidence (Martin Fletcher writes). The FBI reportedly found possible bomb-making equipment at the Kansas home of Terry Nichols.

A father and his 13-year-old son, who refused to give their names, listen to a briefing at a training session of militia members in northern Michigan

Suspect's associate hunted after faxed warning of blast

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN OKLAHOMA CITY

MARK KOERNKE, a right-wing paramilitary zealot believed to have sent a cryptic fax to a congressman in Washington on the day of the Oklahoma bombing, was being sought by the FBI yesterday as the search for the perpetrators intensified.

Mr Koernke, 37, a former army intelligence officer who heads a radical anti-government splinter group known as the Michigan Militia at Large, was wanted for questioning by the FBI about a handwritten fax sent to Steve Stockman, a Republican, last Wednesday. The message, in the form of a "bomb alert", said: "First update. Building seven to ten floors only. Military people on scene. BATF/FBI. Bomb threat received last week. Perpetrator unknown at this time. Oklahoma". BATF are the initials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms which, like the FBI, had offices in the bombed building and was involved in the siege of the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas, two years ago.

The fax, which investigators say was written by Mr Koernke, was timed more than an hour before the blast, but the authorities believe it was probably sent soon after the explosion.

Mr Koernke, who has his own shortwave radio show in which he propagates extreme right-wing views, is reported to be an associate of Timothy McVeigh, who has been charged with the bombing, and brothers Terry and James Nichols, who are being held as material witnesses. All three men have been linked with the militia movement in Michigan.

On Sunday, just hours after the fax was made public, Mr Koernke and several other men were seen loading boxes and rifles into a car outside his home in Dexter, Michigan. He has not been seen since.

Aides to Mr Stockman initially threw away the fax, apparently sent from the Michigan town of Wolverine, but later retrieved it and sent it to the offices of the National Rifle Association in Washington with a request for help in identifying the sender.

Mr Stockman insists that the message was also passed to the FBI, adding: "You get weird stuff all the time."

Landlord vows to evict orphans

BY BEN MACINTYRE

TWO contrasting tales of heroism and harshness have shed a poignant light on the suffering in Oklahoma City.

On the day that a nurse who ran into the bomb-blasted building died of head wounds, sustained as she tried to help the victims, a landlord vowed to evict six children orphaned by the explosion.

O. E. Gandy, a landlord in the town of Guthrie, near Oklahoma City, has said he will evict the six children of Robert and Donna Luster, who are aged between seven and 22, on Friday. Mr and Mrs Luster are believed to have been in the social security office of the Alfred Murrah Building on April 19, and are now among the 150 people still missing.

Mr Gandy claims he is owed $1,500 (£960) in back rent by the Lusters. "They gotta be gone. If not, I'll spend $40 and get the sheriff to set 'em out," Mr Gandy said. "Right now, they're staying there for nothin', tearing up my property ... they could've walked off."

Robert Luster worked at a local company in Guthrie for 13 years, until a heart attack in 1992 put him on a tiny disability pension. He had gone to the social security office to plead for a full disability pension to enable the family to move.

If Mr Gandy's lack of compassion shows one side of human nature, the fate of Rebecca Anderson reveals another. A licensed nurse who rushed to the devastated building within minutes of the explosion, Mrs Anderson immediately set to work treating the injured. But an hour after the blast she was found, wandering dazed though the building, with an unexplained head wound, possibly caused by falling debris.

Moments later she collapsed and was taken to University Hospital where she lapsed into a coma and died on Sunday. "She didn't have to be there. She went down there to help people and it cost her life," said Sheila Hand, a fellow nurse.

The plight of the Luster family has prompted a wave of fury towards their implacable landlord and hundreds of donations to the bemused and grief-stricken children. A property agent in Minnesota donated six months' rent, a local church raised $3,000, and a Kentucky couple offered a home for the family.

"We're looking for a permanent place for them to live," a Red Cross spokesman said.

US budget battle moves to Senate

Washington: The Republican Party took to the ramparts for its second 100 days in control of Congress yesterday and faced a herculean battle to balance the US federal budget (Ian Brodie writes).

Unlike the first 100 days, when most of the reformist action was in the House of Representatives, the focus will shift to the Senate where the Republican majority is far less cohesive. The promise, and the challenge, is to shrink the annual budget deficit to zero within seven years, an unimaginable idea before the Republicans took charge after last November's elections.

To meet the deficit goal will mean chopping government spending by $1,200 billion (£750 billion). Targets for the axe include farm subsidies, welfare, education, mass transport and, most sensitive of all, Medicare, the programme that pays medical bills for the elderly and disabled, and Medicaid, which does the same for the poor and for those suffering from long-term illnesses.

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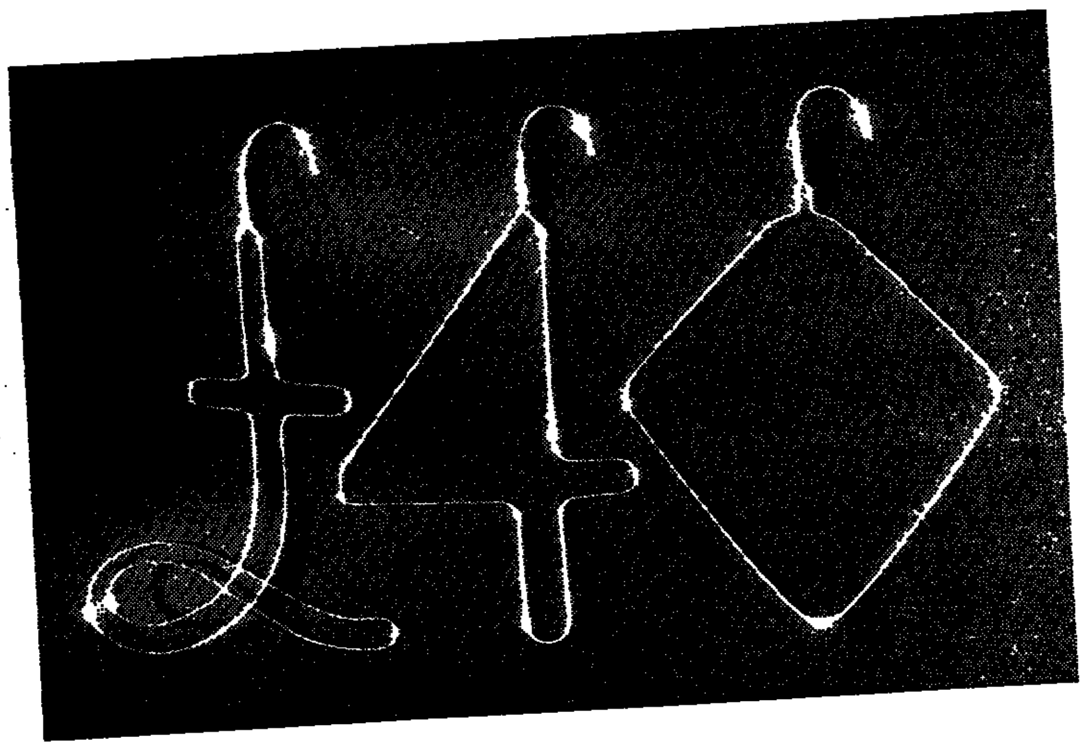

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UN names Mladic and Karadzic as war crime suspects

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, his military commander, were yesterday named as war crimes suspects by the United Nations tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

The move caused consternation among some diplomats worried about the effect on the peace process, while Bosnian Serb officials said the tribunal was acting under pressure from the United States.

Judge Richard Goldstone, the tribunal prosecutor, also named Mico Stanisic, the former Bosnian Serb secret police chief, as a suspect. All three could face charges *in absentia* by the end of the year. "My office is currently investigating the question of responsibility of these prominent individuals for genocide, murder, rape, torture and the forced removal of many thousands of civilians from large parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina," Judge Goldstone said in The Hague.

The Bosnian Serb leadership, based in Pale, is also being investigated in connection with the siege of Sarajevo and armed attacks on aid convoys and UN troops.

The three suspects were named as the tribunal took custody of its first suspect, bringing it a step closer to the first international war crimes trial since the Second World War. Dusan Tadic, a Bosnian Serb, is accused of atrocities at the notorious Omarska detention camp. He was taken to Scheveningen jail in The Hague amid tight security, after being flown by helicopter from Germany, where he was arrested in February 1994.

Mr Tadic is accused of murdering, raping, beating and torturing Croats and Muslims in north-west Bosnia, and will be asked to plead guilty or not guilty to these charges during a first appearance before the tribunal tomorrow morning.

In one incident at the Omarska camp, Mr Tadic is alleged to have forced a man to bite off a testicle from another prisoner, who later died of his injuries. The indictment accuses Mr Tadic of participating in 13 murders, beating and torturing 16 more victims, and raping an unidentified woman at Omarska. The trial is expected to start this summer.

In Sarajevo, UN officials were worried that the naming of Bosnian Serb leaders as suspected war criminals might jeopardise attempts to extend the truce due to expire on May 1. "We hope that decisions made in The Hague will not affect the peace process and our current negotiations in trying to extend the ceasefire," Alexander Ivanko, a UN spokesman, said.

The Bosnian Serbs are also due to review an agreement with the UN over the use of Sarajevo airport for a humanitarian airlift tomorrow.

Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, yesterday repeated threats to withdraw French troops — the largest contingent in the UN peacekeeping force — if the truce was not extended. "We have the largest contingent and by withdrawing it we might tip the balance," M Juppé said.

France wants the Security Council to enforce respect for the UN mission in Bosnia, to extend the ceasefire and to renew negotiations between the warring parties. "Either we get the ceasefire and we stay, or we don't get the ceasefire and we plan to move out," M Juppé said.

Judge Goldstone said he wanted the tribunal to ask Bosnia-Herzegovina to suspend its legal proceedings against Dr Karadzic and hand the case to the tribunal. Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, said: "Yes, I think that we will co-operate with the tribunal in The Hague."

Yesterday's announcement was the first clear sign that the tribunal plans to target prominent figures condemned by the West for their role in the three-year old Bosnian war. The tribunal has indicted 22 Serbs so far, but all except Mr Tadic are believed to be at large in Serb-controlled areas of Bosnia or in Serbia itself.

Serbia and the Bosnian Serbs have refused to cooperate with the tribunal, which plans to issue arrest warrants for suspects who fail to appear for trial.

President Milosevic of Serbia imposed a military and economic blockade on the Bosnian Serbs after they rejected the latest peace plan last year.

Radovan Karadzic, left, and General Ratko Mladic attend a recent Bosnian Serb assembly session

Revival of Left puts Italian election on hold

From John Phillips in Rome

THE conservative Freedom Alliance led by Silvio Berlusconi was neck and neck with the centre-left in Italian regional elections yesterday. His Forza Italia grouping slipped into second place, however, behind the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) as Italy's largest party.

Francesco Cossiga, the former President and a conservative, predicted that "a great success for the Left is emerging because if one adds up the votes of the PDS and Communist Refoundation [hardline Marxist], the historic Left has 33 to 34 per cent. That is to say, we are at levels that not even the old Italian Communist Party ever reached."

Commentators said the outcome would be too indecisive to force President Scalfaro to call an early general election in June, as Signor Berlusconi had hoped. Projections for state television gave the former Prime Minister's alliance 42.4 per cent, with the centre-left on 40.5 per cent. The PDS took 25 per cent of the vote, with Forza Italia on 23.3 per cent.

Observers said that the centre-left might win between up to nine of the 15 regional governments being contested.

The devolutionist Northern League took 6.9 per cent of the vote and the "post-Fascist" National Alliance took 14.9 per cent, well below the 18 per cent that Gianfranco Fini, its supremo, had set as his target.

Cesare Previti, a senior Forza Italia official, shrugged off the fact that the PDS had overtaken his party on the basis that five semi-autonomous regions, including Sicily, were not taking part in the regional polls but would be involved in a general election. He added that Forza Italia had done well in Sicily in last year's general election.

Signor Berlusconi who resigned as head of government in December after he was investigated on suspicion of corruption, said his forces might try for a no-confidence vote against Lamberto Dini, the Prime Minister.

Anti-nuclear protesters block the railway line at Dannenberg yesterday where a radioactive cargo from southern Germany is due to be unloaded this morning

Nuclear protest stops trains

From Reuter in Bonn

GERMAN anti-nuclear activists delayed tens of thousands of railway commuters yesterday by pulling down overhead power lines to disrupt services just before a nuclear waste shipment was due to leave Philippsburg last night.

Police officers and campaigners prepared for confrontations when a railway container of highly radioactive spent fuel rods set off last night from the Philippsburg reactor in southern Germany bound for a new storage depot at Gorleben near Hamburg.

Railway officials said that up to 60,000 passengers were delayed by the sabotage of power lines, carried out near junctions to cause maximum disruption to the morning commuter flow between Frankfurt and industrial towns on the Rhine.

The activists also damaged tracks near Dannenberg, where the nuclear shipment is due to be unloaded this morning, and the police said they had detained six people, bringing the total held after weekend protests to 131. All were released.

The activists threatened to cause similar disruption late last night and today to prevent the fuel container getting to Gorleben, about 60 miles southeast of Hamburg.

□ Mutsu Ogawara: Hundreds of riot police were on duty in this Japanese village yesterday as anti-nuclear activists converged on the port to try to disrupt the arrival of the British ship *Pacific Pintail*, which is due to unload 14 tonnes of waste from plutonium reprocessed in France.

Dozens of protesters including Buddhist monks marched through the village with banners saying: "No high-level nuclear waste! Stop bringing in nuclear waste!"

Russian women finding solace in affairs

From Michael Binyon in Moscow

MORE than half of Russian women are unfaithful to their partners, and of these only 42 per cent feel any remorse about their infidelity, according to a survey of attitudes to sex in Russia.

Paradoxically, many women reported that they were content with their sex lives: more than half said they were satisfied, 31 per cent were not fully satisfied, and only 17 per cent were extremely dissatisfied. Those not satisfied complained of infrequent sexual intercourse and the need for more love and affection.

The survey, a far from scientific compilation of answers to a questionnaire completed by 1,700 women, was conducted by *Cosmopolitan*, the women's magazine. Its Russian edition today celebrates its first anniversary, and has seen its circulation rise to 350,000.

Earlier sociological research found that women in Russia tended to marry young and divorce quickly. The abortion rate was, and remains, extremely high, and many Russian women complained that most men were poor lovers because so many were often drunk. As a result, women tended to take the dominant role in relationships and found their only close friendships were with other women.

The *Cosmopolitan* survey bears out many of these findings, but it also suggests that the most educated women were not as promiscuous as they were reputed to be, nor significantly different in attitudes to Russian women 20 years ago. The average age at which most respondents first had sex was just over 18, and almost half those answering had only had five or fewer partners, with some 10 per cent saying they had more than 26 partners.

Cosmopolitan found that half those asked made love more than once a week, and a third from once a week to twice a month. But for most people this was not enough: 57 per cent said that they wanted more.

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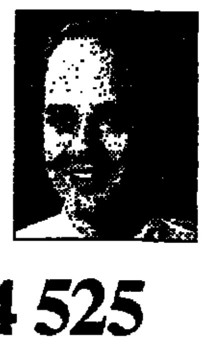

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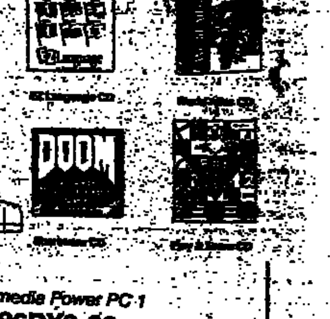

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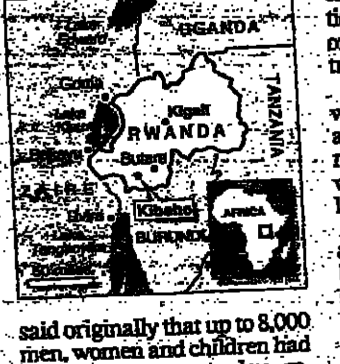
Tutsis stone survivors of massacre

By Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent



BATTERED and panic-stricken survivors of the refugee massacre in Rwanda faced fresh savagery at the hands of their Tutsi foes yesterday, as United Nations peacekeepers were accused of doing almost nothing to protect the victims.

Many Hutus who survived the weekend slaughter at the Kibeho camp were yesterday stoned or hacked with machetes by civilians as Tutsi-led Government troops force-marched them from the camp to the town of Butare, where they were ordered to head for their former homes, many of which are now occupied by Tutsis. Some huddled for shelter in a stadium in the town.

The refugees' ordeal continued as aid workers accused members of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda, Unamir, of standing by while the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Army (RPA) mowed down thousands of Hutus at the Kibeho camp, 12 miles from Butare on Saturday. Major-General Guy Tousignant, the Canadian UN force commander, called the mayhem a "regrettable incident", and praised his Zambian troops for not firing a single shot.

Oxfam, the British charity, criticised the UN peacekeepers for not being present to protect the refugees from attacks by Tutsi civilians as they were marched from the camp on Sunday and yesterday, as part of a Rwandan government campaign to clear 250,000 Hutus from a series of camps.

The UN was further criticised for causing confusion about the scale of the Kibeho camp massacre. UN officials said originally that up to 8,000 men, women and children had perished, but yesterday reduced the estimate to about 2,000. Yet aid workers from Oxfam and Médecins Sans Frontières said their workers had counted at least 4,000 corpses on Sunday, and that was only in the parts of the camp to which they were allowed access.

The Rwandan Government claimed that 300 people had died in the camp on Saturday, and some aid agencies said yesterday that the UN was wary of arguing with the Government since its mandate in Rwanda is due for renewal at the beginning of June.

"Unamir has screwed up — it can't blow its nose without asking the army first," said John Macgrath, of Oxfam.

"Unamir do not appear to be doing their job," said Guy Vassall-Adams, also of Oxfam. "Our staff are very angry because the voluntary agencies have been doing what the UN should have been doing. The problem seems to be 90 per cent lack of resources and 10 per cent ineptitude."

The Rwandan army said it was ready to flush out the last 1,000 Hutus left in Kibeho camp. "We are getting impatient with these people," said one soldier as hundreds of troops massed at the camp.

"Either they surrender and we take them to jail or we go in and take them out. We are ready for them but we are just waiting for orders from Kigali," he said.

RPA soldiers at roadblocks around the deserted camp blocked aid workers from going in, including the representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Wenceslaus Urasa.

The UN force in Rwanda consists of 5,500 soldiers from Nigeria, Ghana, Malawi, Tunisia and India, but its mandate dictates that it must work in co-operation with the Government. There are also supposed to be 147 UN human rights monitors in the country to help to prevent abuses against refugees returning after last year's genocidal war, but only about 80 of the observers have been deployed.

"The monitors don't speak the language and don't have the relevant human rights background," said Mr Vassall-Adams. "It is a farce and a shame on the international community."

Britain, a leading donor to Rwanda, was at odds with France yesterday when it backed the Rwandan Government's version of events. "These camps are full of Hutu extremists with weaponry who were breaking out at night, terrorising the villages where people have resettled," said Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Overseas Development Minister.

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Medical staff from the Australian Armed Forces tending a Kibeho camp casualty

Onlookers jeer as judge adjourns trial of 'ill' Banda

By Inigo Gilmore in Blantyre and Our Foreign Staff

MEDICAL experts said yesterday that Dr Hastings Banda, the former dictator of Malawi, was too ill and upset to come to court to face charges that he ordered the killings of four politicians.

After hearing from a doctor and a nurse on the first day of Dr Banda's trial and considering a defence request for more time to review the evidence of state witnesses, Judge Mackson Mkandawire adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday.

The judge also rejected a request for bail for John Tembo, one of those accused with Dr Banda. The former Police Minister had argued that he was being denied speedy justice, but the judge said prosecutors were doing their best to expedite the trial.

There were angry scenes outside the High Court in Blantyre when the murder trial was brought to a halt. As the handcuffed defendants — Mr Tembo and three police officers — filed into the packed courtroom there were gasps when it became clear that Dr Banda, who is said to be in his late nineties, was not present.

For the large crowd gathered on the grass outside the whitewashed court buildings, it was a bitter disappointment. From early morning hundreds had flocked to the court to catch a glimpse of the tyrant they once called the Messiah. Many believe that the man who ruled over them with an iron fist for nearly 30 years will never face justice.

Dr Banda and his co-accused have been charged with the murder of three ministers and an MP in 1983, allegedly on the ground that they opposed his rule.

Malawians suspected that Mr Tembo manipulated Dr Banda through the woman widely thought to be his mistress, his "official hostess" Cecilia Kadzamira. She is Mr Tembo's niece and yesterday sat grim-faced alongside her uncle as defence counsel, advised by British lawyers, made their unsuccessful application for bail.

The couple were the main target of the large and unruly crowd yesterday. As the police riot van carrying the defendants sped past the waiting demonstrators, they were jeered and booed. Paramilitary police armed with automatic weapons battled to control the surging mass and in the ensuing scuffles at least one man was injured by police dogs.

Sections of the crowd chanted "Wolimb Amtama" (hard-hearted) and "Wakupha" (murderer). "They should all hang for what they did to the people of Malawi," Captain Isaac White, 28, a supporter of the United Democratic Front which took power from Dr Banda in multi-party elections last year, screamed. "If the court lets them off, I will kill them myself."

Ugandans search for weapons in Sudan row

Kampala: Ugandan police searched a Sudanese diplomat's residence in Kampala yesterday but found no sign of a cache of landmines, rifles and uniforms that the Kampala authorities had claimed were hidden there. Three pistols and three rifles, and several rounds of ammunition, were found in the house of the Sudanese military attaché, which has been besieged since Friday night by 50 Ugandan soldiers. Uganda announced it was severing diplomatic relations with Sudan on Sunday, accusing its diplomats of engaging in activities that endangered the East African state's security. *(Reuter)*

Calcutta blaze

Delhi: A fire, apparently triggered by an electrical short-circuit, destroyed more than 700 textile shops in Calcutta, but there were no deaths. More than 300 firefighters fought the blaze. *(AFP)*

Marcos barred

Manila: Imelda Marcos, the former First Lady of the Philippines has been barred from running for congress in next month's elections after failing to comply with residency rules. *(AFP)*

Tougher penalty

Abu Dhabi: The Cabinet of the United Arab Emirates adopted the death penalty for drug traffickers and ordered prison terms of at least four years for users, the official agency Wam said. *(AFP)*

Culture clash

Bangkok: Thailand blacklisted an American writer who put information about its thriving sex industry on the Internet, saying his actions were not in line with its morals and culture. *(Reuter)*

Mandela proud over progress of a year in power

From Michael Hamlyn in Johannesburg

PRESIDENT MANDELA of South Africa faces disruption of this week's celebrations of the anniversary of last year's first democratic elections but said yesterday that he was proud his Government had gone a long way to change the "evils of the past 300 years."

The disruption is expected from the Inkatha Freedom Party, who say that the African National Congress and the National Party have reneged on promises of international mediation over federal and provincial government powers. The offer helped to persuade Inkatha, led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, to take part in the elections.

"We shall have nothing to celebrate on that day," said Sipho Mzimela, the Prisons Minister and an Inkatha member.

At a press conference Mr Mandela brushed aside the threat, saying that he would not yield to blackmail. He said he was prepared to negotiate anything with anybody, but that would not take part in "empty talking shops".

The President said it was difficult to say that all his expectations last year had been fulfilled, but he said he was proud that "we have gone a long way to change the evils that have affected the people of South Africa for the past 300 years." Mr Mandela picked out as examples of progress the free medical care for all children under the age of six and pregnant woman, and the free "Mandela sandwiches" school meals programme in impoverished rural areas. He admitted that a lack of resources meant that there were long queues at hospitals, and that hungry adults often took food intended for school children.

Mr Mandela said his Government had created a favourable climate for investment in the country, and during his visits abroad he had heard nothing but praise for the country's economic policies.

The President said he was generally fit for a man of 76. "I would like to challenge Mike Tyson. That is how fit I feel," said Mr Mandela, a keen boxer in his youth. "In a few months I will be 77 and one has a lot of ailments at that age."

Referring to the sacking of his estranged wife, Winnie, from her job as Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology, Mr Mandela said: "I think we have to cut out personal matters in matters of this nature and concentrate on the broad issues."

He said he episode was not an embarrassment to him and added: "I am very sorry that an able person like Mrs Mandela is out of this position. But I hope she will use this to review the situation and again be available so that we can use the undoubted qualities that she has."

Mrs Mandela was yesterday released from the Johannesburg clinic where she has been undergoing a week-long series of tests and recovering from an electrolyte imbalance in her blood, which threatened her kidneys and affected her blood/sugar level and blood pressure. Fears have been expressed that she had developed a form of diabetes.

Mandela: joked about taking on Mike Tyson

Bogotá acts over drug scandal

From Reuter in Bogotá

IN ONE of the worst political scandals to hit Colombia's ruling Liberal party in years, nine of its congressmen have been temporarily suspended following allegations that they received money from drug traffickers.

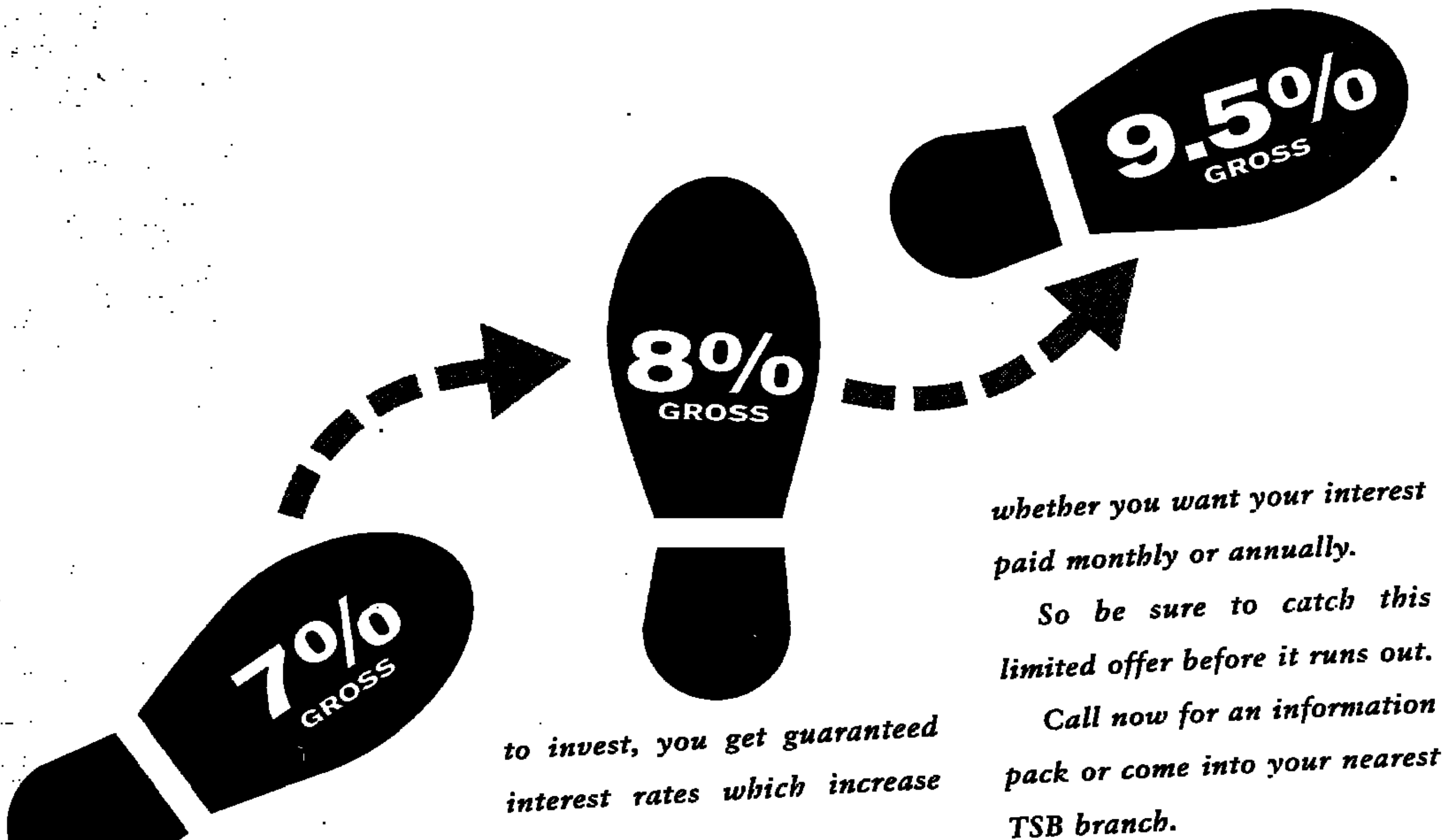
The party suspended the congressmen, including the President of the House of Representatives, after the country's Prosecutor-General called for investigation of claims that they accepted money from Colombia's Cali cartel, one of the world's most powerful drug organisations.

"These people are temporarily suspended until the Supreme Court decides their judicial situation," the co-ordinator of the party's Council of Ethics Control said.

Alvaro Coral Ceron, whose council issued one of its most severe resolutions ever in the suspension of party members on drug money allegations, said a preliminary investigation would also be opened against other implicated members, including Eduardo Mestre Sarmiento, a former senator.

Alfonso Valdivieso, the Prosecutor-General, stunned the country by asking the Supreme Court to investigate evidence suggesting that the congressmen and other people had accepted money from the cartel or one of its front companies. Señor Valdivieso, who also ordered the arrest of Señor Mestre for illicit enrichment, said his office was investigating 23 other suspects on similar charges. Most of the congressmen have denied any wrongdoing.

It is not the first time that the Liberal party, which has ruled the country through successive governments, has been struck by a drug scandal. In 1984 leading party members reportedly met in Panama with Colombian drug traffickers, who supposedly offered to cancel the national debt in exchange for favours.



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Why set up a burger bar in Venice?

Rampant commercialism will destroy the magic of St Mark's

Working on the Benetton principle that the purpose of advertising is to upset people, no doubt McDonald's judges its latest campaign — in which a child brings together its estranged parents on the premises of said burger bar — to be a great success. The advertisement has been criticised by the Independent Television Commission, rather than banned as its detractors had hoped. Still, the charge remains: that it is cruelly exploitative of children in a vulnerable position: and furthermore likely to raise hopes bound to be distressingly dashed.

Well, perhaps it's as it should be that the commercial is allowed to continue broadcasting. After all, advertising is not a branch of the social services. And tell me of an ad that doesn't exploit. But I can see the problem. Added to which, I have noticed that one of the greatest difficulties divorcing people have is accepting the amount of pain they are inflicting on their children. Trying to deny the depth of suffering they themselves cause, they are understandably, guiltily, hypersensitive about the hurt inflicted by others.

NIGELLA LAWSON

Not that this line of thought exonerates McDonald's, for the ad is, at best, in bad taste. But there's worse to come. They desire a site in Venice. Well, why shouldn't they? But to propose to set up shop in St Mark's Square itself seems to be carrying things too far. This goes further than a mere lapse in taste.

I am not against the burger, even if I do not relish it. But why is there a need to have a McDonald's in St Mark's Square? Why can't it just be tucked away in one of those labyrinthine side-streets somewhere. (I seem to remember there is a similar venture anyway, directions to which are charmingly picked out in mosaic on one of the paving stones just outside the Piazza San Marco.)

Also, I understand the idea behind McDonald's is that wherever you go you can, supposedly reassuringly, eat the same thing. Of course the Americans are a conformist and insular lot. No doubt their desire to diminish differences says a lot about them and the particular nature of a nation founded with a common aim for those of disparate origin. But frankly those who can't bear the idea of the new, the different, the foreign, should not go abroad in the first place. It's not as if there aren't plenty of other outlets for disgusting food in Venice as it is.

Of course, the sad fact is that plenty of Venetians — those few that remain — are no doubt the keenest on the idea. But the drawing room of Europe, as Alfred de Musset called St Mark's Square, is built to receive guests. If the natives want a branch of McDonald's they should realise that politesse demands they shove it into one of the less showy-offy antechambers. You don't eat a burger in a drawing room, after all.

I concede that my dismay may be both sentimental and illogical. But it isn't fatuous to want to preserve St Mark's Square as it is, because the whole point of Venice is that it hasn't changed: one looks at it through the same eyes as all those travellers of the past and that's part of its magic. And yes, it is illogical: Venice is a city built on the mercantile virtues: and you could argue that McDonald's was fired by the same spirit. But it wouldn't be right, and we have to stop it. Since the Venetians don't look likely to, I think that we have to turn to the noble lord himself. If John Julius Norwich can halt the waves which threatened once to swallow up the island, I think we can trust him to banish the burgermongers.

Dafter Bafta

CHOOSING Billy Connolly to present the awards was not the only error of judgment Bafta made on Sunday. The best film of the year was out of the running at the Oscars, banned on a silly technicality. We had our chance to make right a great wrong, when Linda Fiorentino was up for best actress in her role in *The Last Seduction*. We, or rather, Bafta missed it. Still I suppose we at least admitted the film's existence. But we ought to be doing more, we should be applauding it.

When we're talking solecisms, nothing quite compares with the decision to consider a programme which remembered Arnhem alongside televised football matches and the Grand National. I know the Battle of Waterloo was said to have been won on the playing fields of Eton, but that still doesn't make the Second World War a sport.

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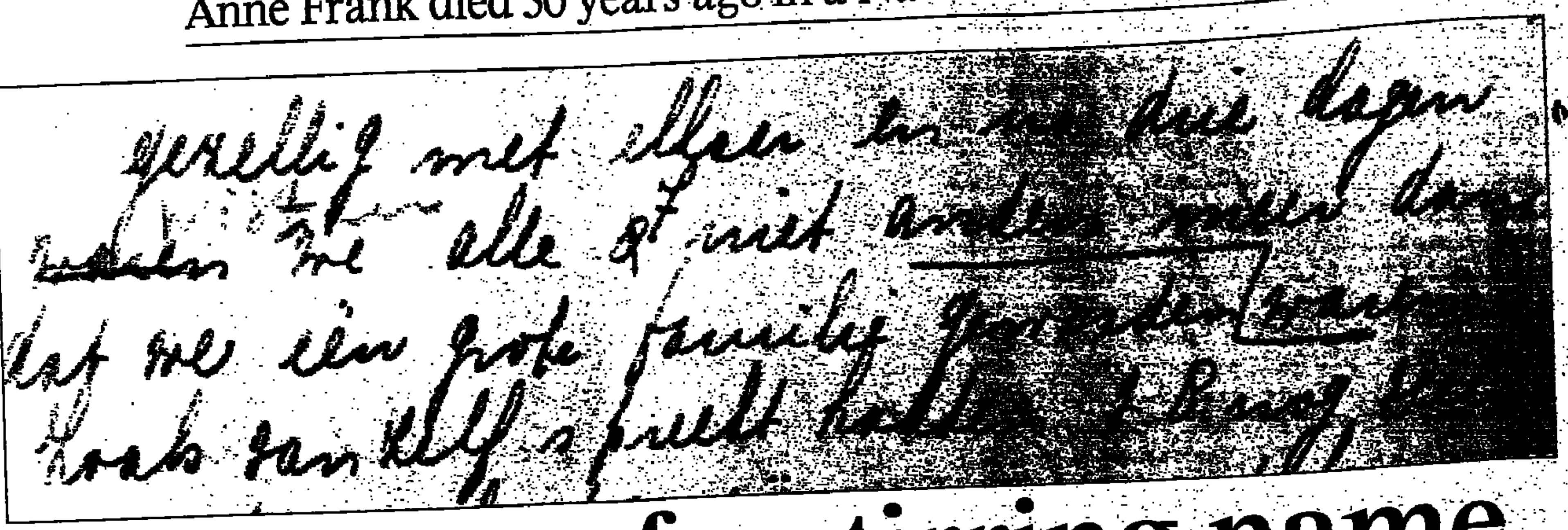


Protector of a stirring name

DES JENSON

Julia Llewellyn Smith talks to one of the few people who remembers Anne Frank — her cousin

For millions of people, Anne Frank is the human face of the Holocaust: the vivacious Jewish girl, with a crooked smile and huge, dark eyes, whose diary, recording her two and a half years in hiding, has sold 25 million copies, been translated into 55 languages and is the world's third most-borrowed factual library book. Each year 500,000 people visit Anne's "secret annexe" at 263 Prinsengracht, Amsterdam.

The account of those claustrophobic years before her early death, 50 years ago in Bergen Belsen, is so honest and funny that most of us feel as if Anne had been a friend: the incurable chatterbox, a self-confessed "terrible flirt, coquettish and amusing", who witnessed the world "gradually being turned into a wilderness". Buddy Elias is one of the few surviving people who actually did know Anne, his first cousin, with whom he played every summer in Switzerland.

"We got along wonderfully," says Elias, 69, her only surviving relative, in London for today's memorial service at St Paul's. Had she lived, Anne would be 65. "The age difference didn't matter: she was a very lively, funny girl and I was very lively too. We played puppet theatre and had a lot of fun. She was an absolutely normal girl; she always had a lot of friends. She was certainly not some kind of wonderchild." Anne's father, Otto, and Buddy's mother were brother and sister, born and brought up in Frankfurt. Buddy was five when his father decided to move to Switzerland: "It was not an escape. Father was the representative of a German pharmaceutical firm with offices in Switzerland and luckily we were sent there before Hitler. Otherwise I wouldn't be here either."

The Franks were not so lucky. Otto found a job with the same firm, but in 1933 he decided to become a representative in Holland. "He had contacts in Amsterdam and he was convinced Germany would not invade Holland, because it had been left alone in the First World War," says his nephew.

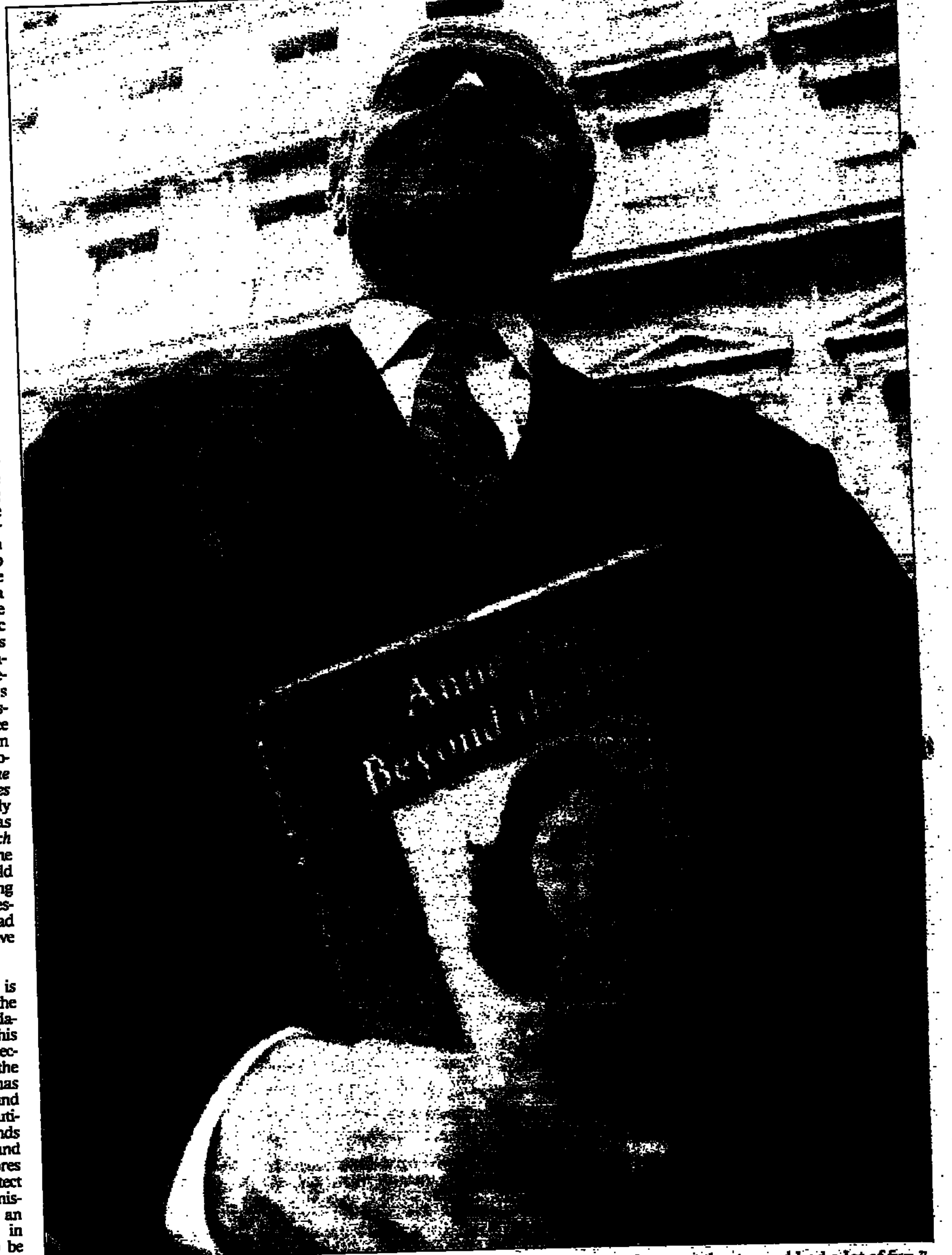
It was the wrong decision: the Germans invaded and life for Jews became increasingly restrictive. In 1942, after Anne's sister Margot received a summons to a forced labour camp in Germany, the Franks and another family, the van Pels, went into hiding in the attics of Otto's warehouse, where they were soon joined by a dentist, Fritz Pfeffer. Otto's mother and the Elias cousins in Switzerland had no idea what had happened to their relatives. "They said we shouldn't worry if we didn't hear from them for a while, but of course we did." The only clues to their cousin's wellbeing came from a mutual colleague, who was helping the Franks. "We would receive a letter that never mentioned them but would be saying something very ambiguous, like 'Our little girl is growing' and we knew that must refer to Anne," says Elias, beaming.

Anne, meanwhile, had not forgotten her cousin. At one point in the diary she fantasises about ice skating with Bernd (she disliked the name Buddy, a nickname for Bernhard) after the war, even designing a little dress to wear. At another point she talks of news that Bernd has a part in a play: "He always had artistic leanings, says mother." Both entries were extremely apt: Elias became a successful actor and ice dancer, and was in a West End production of *The Canterbury Tales* in 1979. Currently he is appearing as Leonardo in *Much Ado* in his home town of Basle. "Anne would have been so happy. Acting was one of her dream professions," he says. "But if she had lived she would definitely have become a writer."

> 'If she had lived she would definitely have been a writer'

Elias's spare time is dedicated to the Anne Frank foundation, which he, his brother, Otto, and Otto's second wife Fritzi set up in the early 1960s. Anne Frank has become a multi-million pound industry; Elias and his beautiful wife Gerti direct the funds from the book, the play and the television series into scores of youth charities and protect their cousin's name from misappropriation. "There was an import-export company in Singapore that wanted to be called Anne Frank, and a Spanish firm that wanted to make Anne Frank jeans," he says, brow furrowing in disbelief.

He has also been working hard at a new, virtually unexpurgated edition of the diaries which is in the bestseller charts in America, but yet to find a publisher here. This diary has been newly translated — "It is really Anne-like now" — and is far more graphic than earlier editions. "Otto cut out a lot of things, all the really aggressive accounts. She wrote down *everything*: her sexual feelings as she grew from a girl to a young woman. These things you couldn't print in 1947."



Buddy Elias, in London for today's memorial service at St Paul's: "We played puppet theatre and had a lot of fun."

Otto spent a lot of time with his nephew after the war in Basle. "It was terrible because the first thing we heard from him was a telegram that said 'We are in Marseilles', so we assumed 'we' meant the whole family." In fact Otto already knew his wife, Edith, was dead, but he and the Eliases searched for Anne and Margot for nearly a year, before learning of their death in the typhus-infested concentration camp, just weeks before it was liberated by the Russians.

Elias sighs at the memory of Otto, who died in 1980. "In his mind he was a young man. He had so much contact with young people. When the diary came out he got mountains of letters from young girls that identified with Anne, and he answered every one."

His uncle, says Elias, bore no bitterness. "He was sad, he was in a very bad nervous condition, but he didn't know the word hate. He always said there were decent people in Germany too and he went back there after the war."

One remembers Anne writing on July 15, 1944, just days before she was discovered: "It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet, I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart."

"That diary pulled the family out of its terrible destiny," says Elias. "It means Anne will never truly die."

● *Anne Frank Foundation, Hohe Winde-Strasse 104, CH4059 Basle, Switzerland.*

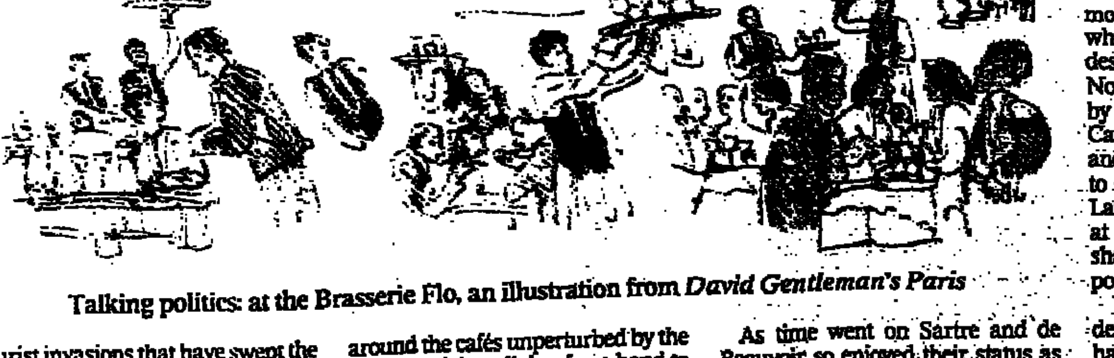
Joanna Pitman goes in vain search of the Parisian intellectuals who once held court in the bars and brasseries

Football beats politics on the Left Bank

HE WAS a large and truculent man with a low forehead and an uncompromising face. The broken nose suggested a professional wrestler, but Stephane Baquet assured me he was a sculptor. "We're all artists and writers around here," he said, pitching a fine Gallic shrug at the crowd gathered around him in the bar of the Bistro Mazarin. "We vote Communist or not at all." His companion, a furtive personality in a suit of dubious cleanliness, nodded and smiled with the air of definitive scholarship of an extremely drunken man.

My two days spent among the remnants of Parisian café society during the first presidential election round last weekend demonstrated that the grand traditions of intellectual vigour of the Sartre era, from the 1930s through to the 1960s, have not been passed on. Politics no longer stirs the souls of France's intellectuals.

Refugees from high prices and the tourist invasions that have swept the grand cafés and bars of Boulevard St Germain, those who aspire huddle self-consciously in small back street bars. The hum of gossip rising like steam from their hunched shoulders is more likely to be about football and the strength of the franc than about existentialism and the poetry of Jacques Prévert.



Talking politics: at the Brasserie Flo, an illustration from *David Gentleman's Paris*

Things were different in the early days. Then, young Bohemians hung around the cafés unperturbed by the passage of time, living from hand to mouth and dreaming of anarchy. Les Deux Magots, opposite St Germain des Près, attracted Picasso and André Breton. Regulars at the Café de Flore along the road included Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir and near by the Dôme and the Café Procope were well known as hatcheries for young intellectuals.

As time went on Sartre and de Beauvoir so enjoyed their status as the magnetic centre of contemporary café society that they effectively set up home in the Flore, working there from nine in the morning until noon, going out for lunch, back again to their salon to talk with their friends until four and then working again until eight. After dinner people would arrive to see them there by appointment.

The majority of the regulars were markedly less productive. For the most part they were languid idlers whose careful nonconformism was designed to justify their inactivity. Now much of the thinking is done by troops of tourists who flock to the Café de Flore, the Brasserie Lipp and Les Deux Magots and try hard to spot a celebrity. On a good day, Lauren Bacall sipping a café crème at the Brasserie Lipp will win a sharp-eyed tourist ten celebrity points.

Yet three or four blocks away the denizens of the Bistro Mazarin are hard at work at being Left-Bank intellectuals. The loud debriefings on the progress of the elections are fairly orderly apart from the colourful invective, but it soon becomes apparent that there has not been a real writer, poet, philosopher or film-maker in here for years. M. Baquet, the "sculptor" turns out to be a car salesman and his grubby-suited friend an engineer.

After the death of the Duchess of Beaufort from pancreatic cancer, **Dr Thomas Stuttaford** says unexplained abdominal pain should be investigated

Ultrasound's role in early detection

THE DUCHESS of Beaufort, who died of cancer of the pancreas last weekend, did not allow the initial diagnosis to alter her lifestyle. She continued with her charitable work and last November gave a luncheon for the committee of Remedi, a medical charity which provides start-up finance for medical research.

On that day *The Times* carried a half-page profile of her life and times. As the paper announced the incurable nature of the tumour from which she was suffering, the piece inevitably had some of the quality of an obituary but the duchess was delighted with it, and sent out from Badminton for a dozen copies to send to friends.

Cancer of the pancreas is a depressing tumour. The common tumour which affects the pancreas is an adenocarcinoma. It occurs rather more often in men than in women and starts to become common after the age of 55. In its initial stages, it grows silently, its presence unsuspected until the patient notices unexplained weight loss, constant upper abdominal pain or progressive jaundice.

By the time of diagnosis 90 per cent of patients have lost 10 per cent of their weight. Even at a comparatively early stage in the tumour's growth the patient may average a weight loss of 5lb a month. The upper abdominal pain is uninfluenced by eating as opposed, for instance, to a gastric ulcer when it is usually made worse, as it is in the case of pain from gall bladder disease, or that from a duodenal ulcer when it may be temporarily alleviated.

The pain from a tumour of the head of the pancreas is persistent but at its start may be no more than a dull ache; the pain from the body or tail of the pancreas is from the beginning more severe and typically radiates to the back. The pain is worst when lying flat, as for instance during the night, so that characteristically patients are most comfortable when leaning forward or sitting in the foetal position. In some cases any jaundice may initially be painless but when it becomes more marked — as the common bile duct becomes progressively obstructed by the tumour growth — it is then associated with an ever-increasing itch and pain.

The hope is that greater use of ultrasound in the investigation of unexplained upper abdominal pain will result in earlier diagnosis. An ultrasound examination will detect between 65 to 80 per cent of tumours. Its findings can then be confirmed by CT scans which are also useful when there is any doubt in the diagnosis. At the moment only 10 per cent of pancreatic tumours are detected at a stage when surgery is possible, and of the minority which are operable only a fifth of patients survive.

MRI scans do not as yet give appreciably better diagnostic results than ultrasound coupled with CT scans.

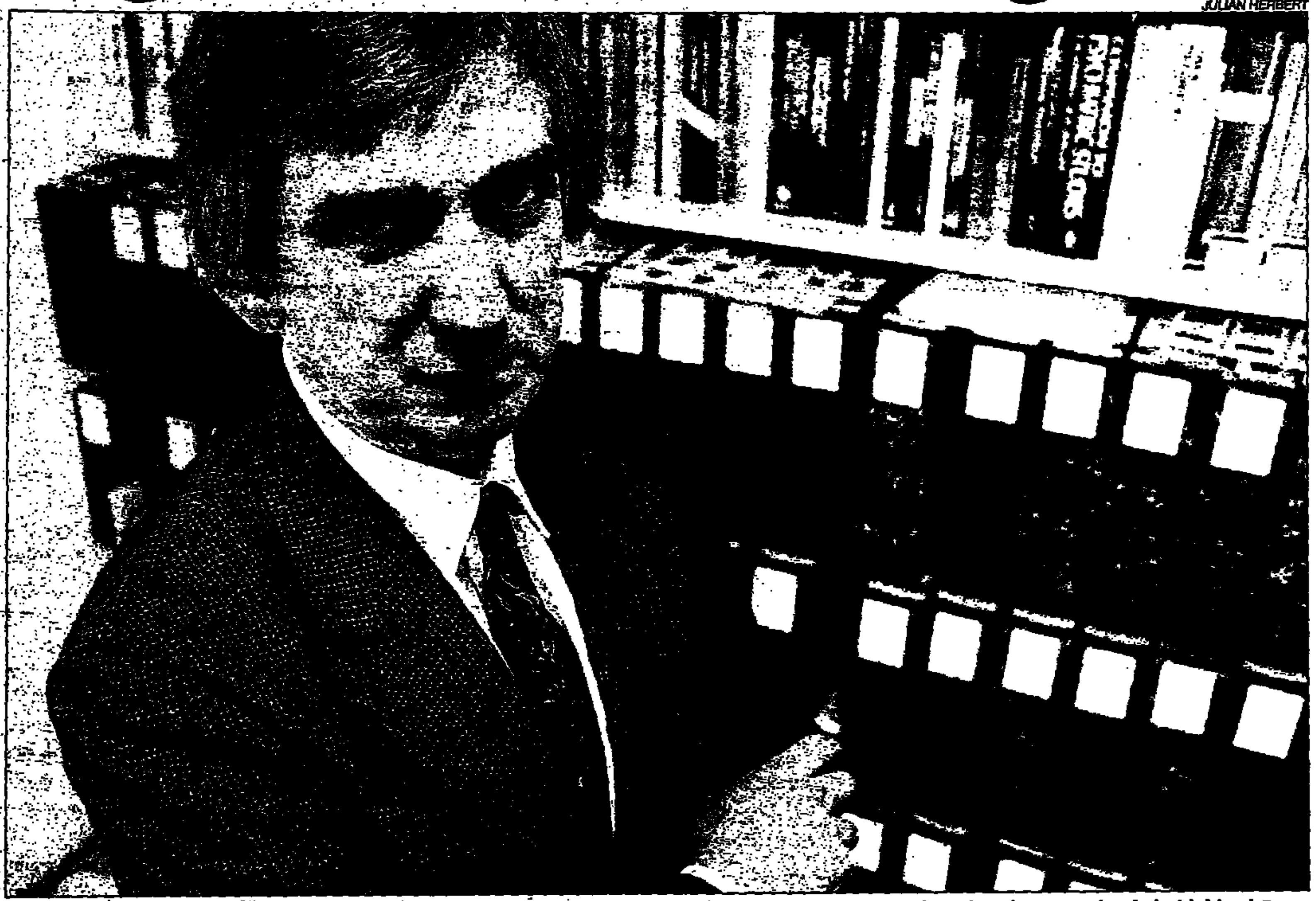
Analgesics are used to treat the pain. Jaundice can be relieved by an operation to bypass the obstructed bile duct, which has the advantage of prolonging life as well as making it more tolerable through the relief of the itch and nausea. Any secondary diabetes after pancreatic destruction needs correction.

Other tumours, often less lethal, as well as benign cysts can also affect the pancreas. The second most common tumour, an insulinoma, grows in the islet cells which secrete insulin. The increased secretion of insulin results in hypoglycaemia, low blood sugar. In 90 per cent of cases an insulinoma can be successfully treated with surgery.

Living in fear of being fat

Eating disorders cause misery and shame but they can be treated, reports

Philippa Ingram



JULIAN HERBERT

Dr Christopher Fairburn: "Patients are totally obsessed with their weight and their shape. My role is to show them how negative their thinking is"

When one of Dr Christopher Fairburn's patients was setting off for a hitch-hiking holiday in Europe, she didn't just pack her sleeping bag, she put the bathroom scales in her rucksack too.

"Bulimics either weigh themselves incessantly, perhaps 10 to 15 times a day," says Dr Fairburn of the Warneford Hospital in Oxford, a world authority on eating disorders, "or they avoid weighing themselves altogether, because they find it intolerable."

His self-help book, *Overcoming Binge Eating*, was published yesterday, and today he is the keynote speaker at the Eating Disorders '95 conference in London organised by Great Ormond Street Hospital. The first conference, two years ago, was the venue the Princess of Wales chose to speak publicly about her own struggles with bulimia.

These days the disorder has a high profile — Jane Fonda was another famous sufferer — but when it first came to Dr Fairburn's attention in the mid-1970s [illegible] was training in general psychiatry at Edinburgh, and every two or three months I got a patient who seemed to be anorexic, except that her weight was normal, and who would pour out a story of extreme dieting, coupled with secret bingeing and vomiting. These patients were all extremely distressed and embarrassed by their condition and were always convinced that they were the only person in the world to do this."

But despite assiduous hunting in the psychiatric literature, Dr Fairburn could find no description of such a condition, and so he began to collect his own case studies, and to develop treatment.

> We must inoculate against the false promises of diets

Then in 1979 Professor Gerald Russell of the Maudsley Hospital, one of the country's two top anorexia specialists, published a paper describing 30 patients (28 women and two men) with what had to be the same disorder and giving it a name — bulimia nervosa (from the Greek *bous* meaning ox and *limos*, hunger). Reading this paper, Dr Fairburn had a hunch that bulimia was more common than anyone realised.

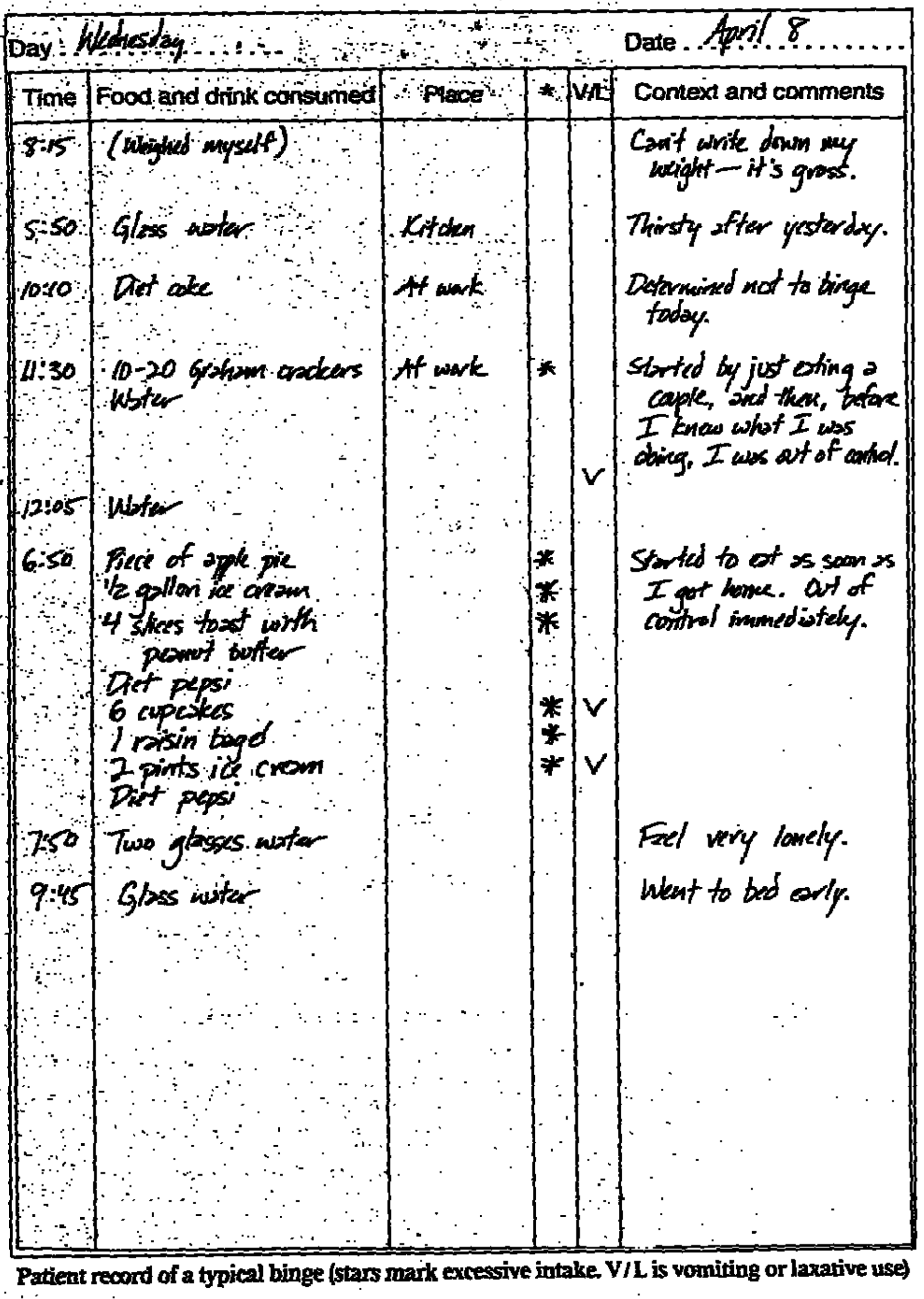
But how do you find out how many people are suffering from a secretive and shaming condition? His answer was to publish a short appeal in the April 1980 issue of *Cosmopolitan*. It asked any reader who might be suffering from a bizarre new eating disorder characterised by frequent self-induced vomiting and a profound fear of becoming fat to help his research by writing to him for a confidential questionnaire.

Within days more than 1,000 women had replied. "Many were massive five to ten-page letters pleading for help," he says. Nine months later a BBC documentary about this experience ended with a further appeal for sufferers to contact him. This time the response was quite overwhelming. The hospital switchboard was jammed and for three days the Post Office had to assign him his own mail delivery van. "My wife and I worked through the night," recalls Dr Fairburn. Everyone got a reply and the first 800 were sent his questionnaire.

It was a turning point both in wider recognition of the disorder and in Dr Fairburn's career, which now turned exclusively to research on eating disorders. The Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Trust provided funding for his work in Oxford University's department of psychiatry at the Warneford, where he had moved in 1980.

By now the typical sufferer was clear. She (the vast majority are female) is in her twenties or thirties and is obsessed with her weight or shape, or both. She will often have been anorexic in her teens. As she grows older she finds it impossible to maintain the same rigid control over her eating (many refer to themselves as failed anorexics). As it breaks down, dieting alternates with binges in which gargantuan quantities are eaten. Then she starts secretly vomiting after meals or, less commonly, taking large quantities of laxatives, in the mistaken belief that this will compensate for her eating.

"Strangely, most sufferers talk very positively about the discovery of vomiting," says Dr Fairburn. "At last they feel released from the need to restrict their eating the whole time. But they get trapped in a vicious circle." It is also potentially dangerous, and Dr Fairburn's book sets out clearly the possible physical consequences. As well as damage to teeth, salivary glands, throat and oesophagus, the frequent vomiting can upset the balance of body fluids and electrolytes, such as sodium and potassium.



Day: Wednesday Date: April 8

Time	Food and drink consumed	Place	*	V/L	Context and comments
8:15	(Weighed myself)				Can't write down my weight — it's gross.
5:50	Glass water	Kitchen			Thirsty after yesterday.
10:10	Diet coke	At work			Determined not to binge today.
11:30	10-20 Graham crackers Water	At work	*		Started by just eating a couple, and then, before I knew what I was doing, I was out of control.
				V	
12:05	Water				
6:50	Piece of apple pie		*		Started to eat as soon as I got home. Out of control immediately.
	½ gallon ice cream		*		
	4 slices toast with peanut butter		*		
	Diet pepsi				
	6 cupcakes		*	V	
	1 raisin bagel		*		
	2 pints ice cream		*	V	
	Diet pepsi				
7:50	Two glasses water				Feel very lonely.
9:45	Glass water				Went to bed early.

Patient record of a typical binge (stars mark excessive intake. V/L is vomiting or laxative use)

Because bulimics feel so ashamed and disgusted with themselves, it is often several years before they seek help, if at all. This a great pity, Dr Fairburn explains, "because there are treatments which have been shown to work for two-thirds of patients. One of these is cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). From the beginning he felt that CBT, which concentrates on altering faulty thinking, was particularly appropriate for bulimics, who are convinced they are gross when in fact there is nothing abnormal about their weight or shape. At the Warneford, CBT is provided as an outpatient treatment of 15 to 20 one-to-one sessions over four to five months.

The aim is to establish normal eating patterns, and the therapist's first task is to explain that purging does not work. "Most of them are dumbstruck when I tell them they cannot bring up all their food, or that laxatives have no effect whatsoever on absorption of calories." One patient was a doctor, yet even she did not realise that, once swallowed, a lot of food passes very quickly beyond the point of no return. Occasionally this knowledge alone is enough to stop the behaviour.

The next step is to get patients to observe and record their daily eating with comments about how they feel. "They tend to be perfectionists and very self-critical. They say things like 'I'm disgusting, I'm a pig', and if they have five good days and two bad, all they see are the times they failed," says Dr Fairburn. "My role is to praise and encourage and point out just how negative their whole view of themselves is."

It's all very down to earth. To one patient who was convinced that her thighs and bottom were abnormally large and wobbly, he suggested that she look at other women in the changing rooms of her gym. She saw that lots of attractive women have large thighs and gradually came to accept that her natural figure was pear-shaped.

"We are just trying to get people down to normal levels of discontent with their appearance and inoculate them against all the false promises of diets and women's magazines," says Dr Fairburn.

Unlike most psychotherapies, CBT requires no delving into childhood experiences. However, in trials comparing CBT's effectiveness to a popular American psychotherapy that concentrates on improving relationships, interpersonal therapy (IPT), both have shown similar success rates after a year. Now Dr Fairburn has a $5 million grant from the US Government for a large five-year study in America of the two methods. "It would be marvellous if they turned out to suit different kinds of people, for then we could have higher success rates," he explains.

But any one-to-one therapy is expensive and time consuming, and most people will not be in reach of a specialist unit, such as the one at the Warneford. This is why Dr Fairburn has written a self-help manual. He and his colleagues are currently comparing guided self-help — using his book in conjunction with five sessions talking to a GP or practice nurse — with a patient using the book on its own. "Even if these methods turn out to help only 10-15 per cent it would be very significant," he says. "What do you do if you are bulimic and live on Skye?"

Dr Fairburn's book is also addressed to another submerged group, sufferers from binge eating disorder. He admits that the condition is not yet recognised in this country, though it is becoming accepted in America, but believes it may affect many more people than bulimia. The age range is wider, up to 60 years, sufferers are nearly as likely to be male as female, and about half are overweight or obese. They both overeat in general and binge. Although they do not purge themselves they are, he says, "very psychologically disturbed".

A hot issue at today's conference is whether this group should be encouraged to diet or not. Dr Fairburn believes that a blanket condemnation of dieting is naive. "We should have a lot of concern about dieting by young women who aren't overweight, but I feel very differently about middle-aged men who are obese and at risk of cardiac disease. Obesity is more serious than bulimia."

● Overcoming Binge Eating *by Christopher Fairburn is published by Guilford Press at £9.95. Available from bookshops or by order from Luci Allmark, c/o Direct Distribution, 27 Church Road, Hove BN3 2FA (01273 748427).*

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New techniques for mending bones

Cast away your plaster cast

Away with plaster casts and metal implants: the latest buzz in bone repair is biomaterials, substances that mimic the natural structure of bone.

For several years surgeons have used coral, or materials closely related to it, for rebuilding bones. It works well, but better still — claims a group of American scientists in a recent issue of *Science* — is a bone substitute that can be injected like toothpaste into fractures or bones damaged by osteoporosis.

It hardens in ten minutes, and achieves full strength within 12 hours, matching the bones so well that it is gradually replaced, molecule by molecule, with real bone.

The move towards biomaterials was inspired by the failure of many implants made of metal. One of the first was Bioglass, a ceramic developed at the University of Florida. It is being used to replace the ossicles, the bones of the middle ear, the failure of which is a common cause of deafness.

> The structure acts as scaffolding

Another coral-like material, Coralite, has been used to make artificial eyes that look more natural than glass ones, swivelling together with the other eye to provide an even gaze. The beauty of materials such as these is that their porous structure acts as scaffolding within which new cells can grow, forming anchors to both the hard and soft tissues of the body.

Matching bone precisely is difficult because it is a composite material, the biological equivalent of fibreglass-reinforced plastics. The mineral in bone is carbonated hydroxyapatite while the reinforcement comes principally in the form of collagen. Nobody yet has a substitute with both these components.

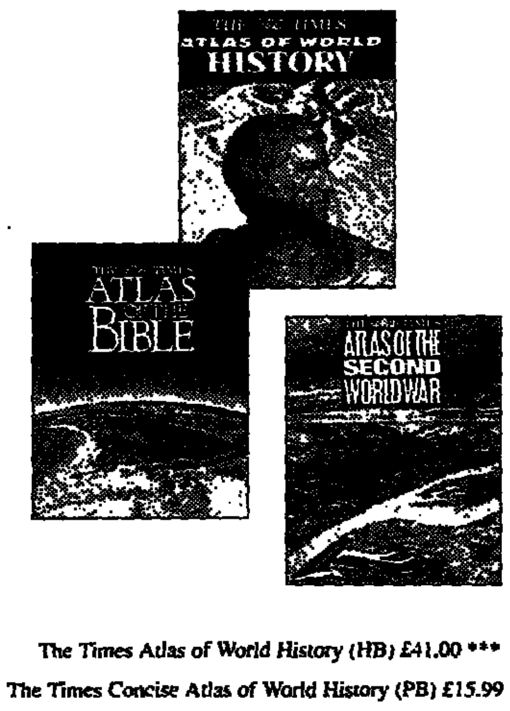
But the team responsible for the new bone material believes that its mineral phase comes closer to real bone than any previous effort. The team makes it by mixing calcium phosphate monohydrate with tricalcium phosphate and calcium carbonate, and then adds a sodium phosphate solution to produce a paste.

This material, called SRS (skeletal repair system), can be injected through the skin into fractures or areas of bone damaged by injury or osteoporosis. Experiments with animals have given good results, and the first tests on human patients, in Sweden and The Netherlands, have produced good repairs of broken wrists. Keyhole surgery techniques can be used, with the paste injected through very small holes.

The animal experiments have shown, says the team led by Brent Constanz of Norian Corporation, from Cupertino, California, that the molecules of SRS are gradually replaced by those of real bone. "It gives orthopaedic surgeons new options," Mr Constanz says.

The cost of SRS is about £500-£600 for a typical repair, and studies are in progress to compare the results achieved with conventional bone-setting. Traditional methods can produce shortened bones and a loss of strength and dexterity. The first clinical studies of wrist repairs suggest that this does not happen with SRS.

NIGEL HAWKES



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Comeback kid of Socialism?

Charles Bremner on the champion French poll-vaulter

Still euphoric over his party's return from the grave wrought by Lionel Jospin, a senior French Socialist was indulging himself with visions of a dream team yesterday. President Jospin would lead France into another seven years of socialism after calling a general election and installing Jacques Delors in the premiership, with Martine Aubry, his popular daughter, as a minister. Working with Germany for a Social Europe, President Jospin would save the great state-run industries, heal unemployment and fend off the "Anglo-Saxons".

Only a week ago, an eavesdropper would have asked what the Socialist was smoking. The vision is much less preposterous since *la divine surprise* in which M Jospin, an awkward campaigner, won 23 per cent in the first-round vote for the presidency, hammering both Jacques Chirac and Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist *frères ennemis*. M Jospin, 57, an old party apparatchik who was an almost accidental candidate, still faces a stiff uphill battle against the combined conservative forces under M Chirac. The Left can draw on only a maximum 40 per cent of the electorate against the Right's 60 per cent. Electoral chemistry and M Chirac's record of bungling campaigns mean M Jospin has a hope for May 7. But even if he fails, his success marks a turning-point in French politics and a triumph for a man who was being dismissed earlier this month as an embarrassment by some colleagues.

Thanks to an astute performance, "poor old Lionel", the one-time university lecturer with the austere Protestant background, has effectively been anointed leader of the opposition, eclipsing Henri Emmanuelli, the party leader. That is an achievement for someone who lost his parliamentary seat in 1993. He has succeeded in halting the punishment which voters have inflicted on President Mitterrand's discredited party in all elections since 1988. As M Delors says: "With Lionel, the Socialists have rediscovered their roots."

In the dimming hours of the long Mitterrand twilight, France seems already to be turning the page on the outgoing President. Two years of Gaullist-led Government have helped to clear the Mitterrand slate, lumbering M Chirac with the Balladur record. But the Mitterrand question is complex. M Jospin has played it both ways with the heavy legacy of his old mentor. He unquestionably owes much of his popularity to being the antithesis of everything that has brought discredit on the most imperial of France's four modern Presidents. An upright one-time scout leader, M Jospin made no secret of his disgust with the flamboyant court of the *gauche caviare* and the sleazy figures such as Bernard Tapie who were adopted by M Mitterrand in the late 1980s. After ending service as Education Minister in 1992, he disowned the immoral climate that was staining the administration.

In the campaign, he upset the *Mitterrandistes* by demanding "the right to take stock". In practice, he has avoided the issue, offering a "citizen presidency" based on old left-wing values. When he invokes the Socialist patriarchs, he cites Jean Jaurès and Léon Blum, but rarely the man in the Elysée. "Mitterrand does what he wants. I have nothing to ask of him", he says when asked why he keeps the President at arm's length.

At the same time, however, M Jospin has deftly avoided alienating those who harbour affection for the outgoing president, and has lately begun noting his achievements. Despite his image of disgrace abroad, M Mitterrand still enjoys the loyalty of a hard core, and a majority of citizens consider his overall record positive.

Now that he is setting out to unite the Left in battle with M Chirac, M Jospin will have a tougher time blurring this heritage and explaining how a long-time protégé of the Socialist President can be offering "le vrai changement", as his new slogan puts it. He must satisfy the 17 per cent of voters who opted for the Green or Communist candidates. Like Jean-Marie Le Pen on the far Right, they see M Jospin as another pro-Maastricht product of the élite *Ecole Nationale d'Administration*. His fate will depend on his skill at wooing the young who opted for M Chirac, the middle-class centrists who picked M Balladur and the workers who have given up on the Socialists.

Mitterrand Socialism now seems to be forgiven

To pull this off M Jospin aims to bludgeon M Chirac with two weapons. He will seek to strip the left-wing colours which the Gaullist donned in the campaign. He will argue that his left-wing solutions are better for France's unemployment than anything offered by a Gaullist with two terms as a conservative Prime Minister. The Jospin menu includes tax changes and state intervention to benefit the less well-off, but it stops well short of the near Marxist schemes that M Mitterrand took to power in 1981. His backing for deeper European union will soothe the middle-class centre which wants to keep France in the vanguard with Germany.

Europe could prove M Chirac's undoing if M Jospin manages to smoke out the contradictions in his stance. The Gaullist backs monetary union and a stronger Europe at the same time as safeguarding sovereignty and hinting at reflationary action which would fly in the face of the so-called Maastricht criteria.

In the end, however, it may come down to the heart rather than the head, as M Delors put it yesterday. To win, M Jospin will have to convince France that he has what it takes to rise from the "citizen-candidate" of his campaign to the quality of grand statesman which France requires in its all-powerful presidents.

UNOPENED AT THE BAR OF THE FOLIES-CHIRAC

France's darker side

Despite tough competition, Crédit Lyonnais may be the world's worst bank

Bernard Levin

It is well known, or should be, that all Japanese Cabinet ministers are crooked, and have been since the Second World War at least. Moreover, of Japan's last nine Prime Ministers, seven were on the take, and on a rough count of MPs, between 65 and 75 per cent would steal the baby's rattles out of their prams if there was even a sniff of a possible profitable resale.

That being so, I need hardly go on at length with the details, and I can turn my attention to Europe. But don't think, because of my introduction, that in Europe these things do not occur. They occur with very great regularity, and as for the actual thieving, I am hourly expecting a delegation of Japanese, their tongues hanging out for a seminar in the various modes of daylight robbery.

Ah, you will all say, he must have his fun, even if others burst blood-vessels by the dozen. True, I do have to have my fun, but don't think that because I exaggerate to make my point, the point isn't there. If you don't believe me, just listen to me riffling through a selection of very recent headlines (if I went back half a year they would fill my column for months, and if I went back two or three years they would fill the entire paper). "Top banks allege big frauds by employees", "Belgian Foreign Minister resigns in Agusta affair", (or, if you prefer, "Belgian Foreign Minister resigns in bribes scandal"), "Tapie puts France on trial", "Top mayor's fall shocks scandal-plagued France", "French Socialists accused of £1m extortion plot", "Deutsche losses lead to two arrests", "When will we wake up to the graft beyond our gate?", "NatWest loses cheque and £2bn account", "Parliament clears way for query on Claes", "Disasters such as investing in MGM shattered the dream of creating the first French mega-bank".

Mind you, those are only the headlines: would you like me to give you a substantial *precis* of each of the stories beneath the headlines? You wouldn't? I thought as much.

But this column is supposed to be — indeed is — about France's greatest bank and the tremendous influence it has, not only in France and her banking system, but throughout the Western world and even further. The very words, being spoken, reverberate in the marble halls, and woe betide anyone who dares to say a bad word about Crédit Lyonnais. Well, I fear that I am going to say that bad word, perhaps two or more; those who cannot bear the thought of anyone besmirching Crédit Lyonnais should leave the room.

To start with, there is the meticulous, truly awesome, system built up against fraud or embezzlement; mind you, at the moment, the heads of Crédit Lyonnais are wondering what became of six hundred million francs and a former manager who is nowhere to be seen. (Cheer up lads, you are not alone: the Krauts are in the same galley, though for only twenty-eight million marks and a suspect.)

But it is time to look at the bits of Crédit Lyonnais that have *not* yet been stolen. Inevitably, we think of Barings (and when we do think of Barings we think of those directors who, as the walls crashed to the ground amid ruin for others, deemed that the best way to deal with the disaster was to get hold of their bonuses and hang tight). The question is: assuming that there were a dozen honest Crédit Lyonnais bankers, together with the office boy and his cat, how did those who were supposed to be the guardians of what was one of the world's foremost banks let the catastrophe happen?

And do not think that it isn't a catastrophe: by this. France is diminished and not only in monetary circles, and it will be many years until the shame is forgotten, if it ever is. What did the ordinary Frenchman in the *boulevard* think when he saw the most gigantic sell-off in his country's history? To refinance the fallen giant, countless businesses were getting their ladles in the *potage*: Hachette, Bouygues, Aerospatiale, Matra Electronics, even the Club Mediterranée. What indeed did any Frenchman who reads it feel when he saw what our *Financial Times* had to say?

> It looks like the sale of the century. More than 1,000 industrial holdings and a substantial international banking branch network are being put up for sale as part of the Ffr140 billion (£17.6 billion) rescue of banking giant Crédit Lyonnais. Foreign investment banks are already slavering at the mouth at the prospect of a slice of one of the lucrative streams of business likely to emerge from France over the next five years.

And of course the first totting-up is not enough; 12 billion francs have turned into more, and then more still, and now — dreadful words — the French Government is taking a hand. After the crash, the Government announced explicitly that however long it would take to put the pieces together again, the taxpayer would not be milked. And yet before a year is out, there is the sound of milk pouring into the usual holed bucket. (Do not think, dear reader, that that could not happen here; in various ways it *does* happen here, and about three times a week too.)

I ask again: how did it happen? No doubt there were crooks sniffing around; there always are. But they could do no more than nibble a bit off a corner; it was grave, honest, clever, wise, experienced figures who leant on 12 billion francs, and they fell over. I have an enchanting diagram of the beleaguered bank, marking net trading results; it is one of those which run a line through the nought level: above it, there is good news, below it, bad. Imagine three consecutive years above the line, each year showing three comfortable millions. Then: the next year shows a L85 million loss, then comes a 6.9 million loss, and the third year shows a 12 million loss and still counting.

I repeat, this was not a monster scam. Nobody was siphoning off the centimes, nobody was opening a brand new bank account in the Bahamas, nobody had shaken hands with a friend and a wink, nothing, *nothing* but folly, stupidity, ignorance, vanity, laziness and an idiot pride, brought down one of the pillars of France.

And of course, there is the voice of the voiceless. In this case it was, ironically, a bank cashier who spoke for very many thousands:

> You read all the time about directors' pay and share options and performance-related bonuses when the company is doing well. But who pays when the bosses make a mess? Not the bosses, that's for sure.

No, indeed. What is it in money, and in nothing else, that sooner or later makes those who deal in it at first very slightly mad and in time quite fully and entirely mad? The obvious answer is that they would like to get their hands on a bit of it under the counter, and sometimes they do. But that cannot be the entire answer: most people who deal with money, after all, are and remain perfectly honest. What is more, the smaller the starting-pistol, the bigger the bang: why?

I'm damned if I know. Others say they do know, and point to M Haberer. Assuredly, M Haberer, as the leading figure in the story, must take some blame. As a matter of fact, he has, but nobody, including him, has been able to understand exactly what happened in the heads of the people who thought that it would a very good wheeze to make some substantial changes to Crédit Lyonnais and discovered, too late, that it would not.

The usual phrases have been pressed into service once again: "Drive for growth . . . there was also excessive delegation of vital lending decisions . . . scant regard for detailed assessment of risks . . . the power to say yes . . . Crédit Lyonnais is impatient to turn the page . . ."

I bet it is, but what is that thing about moving fingers writing? Didn't it go on with a bit about not being able to cancel half a line? And, if I have got it right, not even lots and lots of tears will take us back to where we started. Come back to Crédit Lyonnais and what followed it. Many many words have been spoken since the calamity, but do you know the most chilling words of all those that have been spoken, shouted, whispered and wept? They were ordinary words — very ordinary — and at first the eye might pass over them. Then you look again, and you read: "Crédit Lyonnais argues that these elements of its past could never be repeated."

The cost of voting Labour

Which councils are most wasteful, asks Woodrow Wyatt

In the European elections, what is mysteriously called Middle England was peeved to the point of irrationality. VAT on domestic fuel, which still left it cheaper in real terms than before privatisation, provoked unfounded warnings of death from hypothermia. Negative equity irked those whose homes had been acquired in the expectation that they would ceaselessly rise in value, not least by some whose incomes made mortgages risky. So Middle England voted in droves for Euro-fanatical Socialists whose views they detest and who recently alarmed even Tony Blair by their passivity about the creation of a federal European state.

In the local elections on May 4, Middle England should think carefully before throwing out thousands more Tory councillors, leaving scarcely any councils not controlled by Labour, Lib Dems or a combination. What they would broadly get is more wasteful, inefficient and, in some instances, corrupt Labour-style local authorities. This year the independent Audit Commission has issued reports on management performance in local government. They are devastating indictments, especially in Labour-controlled areas, of failure to improve productivity, to reduce "tiers of management", to increase "workforce flexibility to match staff better to workload", to "provide a rational framework for setting pay rates" and so on. The Audit Commission observes: "If the level and quality of services to the public is to be protected, authorities need to achieve more — and better — services with less money in real terms."

It notes that in the next three years local government could have to cut its non-manual paybill by more than 10 per cent in real terms. Yet according to the Audit Commission, councils have taken on 90,000 more white-collar workers over the past six years, and the number of management posts in local government has risen by 60 per cent. The commission estimates that if they improved their management they would save £500 million a year — far more than the £290 million said to be needed to fund the teachers' extra pay award. Bureaucracy has spiralled, with executives creating confusion and chaos. If it were not serious it would be laughable. Birmingham has "a behaviour support officer", Warwickshire has "a general inspector (equal opportunities — ethnicity)".

Leo McKinstry worked fulltime for five years as aide to shadow cabinet ministers until the beginning of April, and was for four years a councillor on the Labour council in Islington, where Tony Blair regards the schools as not good enough for his son. Despite the inevitable charge of treachery, what he has been writing recently in the *Daily Mail* cannot easily be discounted. "I could clearly see that the spirit of Labour in local government — a mean-minded cocktail of political correctness, bureaucracy, intervention and abuse of public money — pervaded the whole party . . . Strikes are a feature of life in Labour authorities, often called without a ballot. The trade unions know that they can act with impunity since Labour councillors . . . are reluctant to invoke 'Tory' legislation."

Islington council has "bleated about cuts since 1979", yet it has "spent thousands on a racial harassment hotline that was never installed and on teachers who were never appointed". In Islington, the average council worker takes 11 days off sick a year. In 1992, absenteeism cost Islington £11 million. It has a race-equality unit, a lesbian and gay committee, and a women's unit which spent nearly £180,000 last year. Labour-run Camden gave a departing director of leisure a £600,000 golden handshake. If that had been done in a newly privatised business, Mr Blair would have been in uproar.

The joke on the public is long-running. Lothian Council in Scotland has spent thousands on glossy pamphlets to advise the young on prostitution and how to beg. Lib-Lab Avon has eight highly paid directors and advisers heading its education department as well as 60 other senior education officers. Labour Durham has an inspector for creative movement and another for rural and environmental education.

Across the nation more than a billion pounds of the old community charge is still uncollected. Labour has promised that the local authorities will no longer be capped; that business rates will revert to local control; that compulsory competitive tendering will be abolished; and that local authorities will be allowed to use all their housing capital receipts. As before, businessmen, because they are mainly Tory, will be driven out of areas of high unemployment and will seek areas with lower business rates. Without competitive tendering, costs for public services would rise dramatically, as would the cost of maintaining local welfare services.

Mr Blair boasts of the great improvements Labour would make in local government. But by and large the council tax is far higher, the education is greatly inferior and the standard of all services is well below that in Conservative-controlled areas. Instead of listening to Blair's waffle voters should watch the action.

Rebel forces

JOHN MAJOR may have offered to restore the whip to the nine Tory rebels yesterday, but he would be unwise to think that European policy will be plain sailing from now on. The rebels are planning to cross the Channel to make their first visit *en masse* to the enemy camp, the European bureaucrats.

Their planned topics of discussion will not make easy bedtime reading for the Prime Minister. First on their agenda is a meeting with the European Union's garrulous Fisheries Commissioner, Emma Bonino. The rebels will be joined by another maverick MP, Rupert Allason, on their trip, which was to have taken place this week but has been postponed until May 16 to accommodate Bonino's schedule.

"Yes, we're going to see the lovely commissioner," confirms Allason, who predicts that Britain will one day withdraw from the EU altogether. "I want to find out if it is practical for us to withdraw from the fisheries policy at this meeting with her. I can get no sense out of the Government, so I thought, what the hell, I've got to beard these commissioners in their den."

MPs Christopher Gill, Teresa Gorman and Tony Marlow, and the MEP Giles Chichester, have signed up for the trip already, and it is expected that the rest will go along to ensure the full complement of rebels.

- *At least his appetite didn't seem to be affected. As Lloyd's insurance market woke up to yet further calamity yesterday, its chief executive Peter Middleton was to be found tucking heartily into a full English breakfast at London's Guildhall. "Business as usual," he breezed, dipping bacon into egg at the John Grooms Association breakfast.*

"Going down, sir?"

Getting warm

AN INNOCENT chap watching his video at home in Richmond-upon-Thames the other day was disturbed by a knock on the door. He opened it to find policemen hot on the trail of a violent man. They explained that their helicopter's heat-seeking cameras had tracked the tearaway down to Andy Palmer's back garden.

"The action in my film had just got to an exciting bit when the police arrived, but I didn't get in their way because I could see they were in a hurry," says Palmer. "I was watching *The Fugitive* of all films." The police quickly surrounded the spot pinpointed by their thermal imager, and officers moved in. Their quarry turned out to be a bag of compost.

Sight unseen

TREVOR McDONALD is not having an easy time of it. At a party at the Imperial War Museum yesterday, for Caribbean veterans of the Second World War, the talk was of the West Indies' victory over Australia and the forthcoming summer series here.

But the newscaster couldn't join in as a clutch of High Commissioners excitedly compared notes on their victory in Port of Spain on Sunday. "I still haven't got a satellite dish," he said. "The problem is I have a young son who is addicted to cartoons, and I'm going to get into awful trouble if we get any more channels. At the moment I make do with the radio."

Locked horns

DEFENCES were breached for the first time yesterday at a "stag" lunch held in London by the Lord's Taverners charity (patron and 12th man, HRH The Prince Philip) to mark the start of the cricket season. Two ladies were spotted lunching at one of the tables.

This was embarrassing, not least because Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary and guest speaker, had planned to bring his assistant private secretary Jenny Walsh with him but was dissuaded. "She was going to come with me, but it said 'stag' clearly on the invitation," he explained. "It's rather surprising now to find ladies here."

Discreet inquiries established that the ladies who were lunching were Sarah Fasey and Lucy McCrickland, executives of Lombard, the finance house which is helping to fund a Taverners event. "It's embarrassing," admitted Fasey. "I'm getting some very odd looks." Sir Colin Cowdrey, president of the Taverners, turned a blind eye, however. Sponsorship money was at stake.

Scare story

CHRISTOPHER LEE, the tall, dark and gruesome star of Dracula movies and other frighteners, is teaming up with Dame Gwyneth Jones for his operatic debut at the Covent Garden Festival next month. The soprano will sing some of the greatest arias by Wagner. Lee will restrict himself to providing narration. But for the want of a little cash 40 years ago, he too could have been singing.

Lee: "amazing voice"

"I was at a party in Sweden and pretty well lubricated," he remembers. "We were all belting out Swedish drinking songs when a man came up to me and said I had an amazing voice. It turned out he was the famous tenor Jussi Björling, and he offered to train me, but I couldn't find the cost of board and lodging. It is the greatest regret of my professional life that I could have been an opera singer but couldn't afford it."

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LEFT BEHIND

Jospin is no French Blair — more like a Barbara Castle

Lionel Jospin, the last candidate to mount the electoral merry-go-round, has demonstrated once again the power in France of a simple appeal to left-wing loyalty. Despite the pummelling which voters have given the Socialists in recent years, nearly as many people voted Communist or Trotskyist on Sunday as voted on the far Right for Jean-Marie Le Pen.

Almost nobody expected M Jospin to emerge from the first round of the presidential elections as the front-runner: a week ago, even M Jospin himself hoped to beat Edouard Balladur for a place in the decisive second round, not to outrun Jacques Chirac and nearly equal François Mitterrand's first-round score in 1981. Yet as recently as last November, the Socialists were in the lead, with Jacques Delors the firm favourite for the Elysée.

"The world's most stupid Right", as Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, recently called the Gaullist RPR, has had a shock. M Chirac's momentum has been halted: that simple fact, for a man who has twice before seen victory elude him, could be damaging in itself. He can now put behind him the destructive battle over political legitimacy, claimed by M Chirac as leader of the Gaullist RPR party, and by M Balladur as head of the governing majority. The Right must hope that the Socialist leader's own slogan will continue to be believed: that at least "with Jospin, everything is clear".

In fact, M Jospin's claim was always wide of the mark. The odds are against a Left-Right contest of a traditional kind. Not since the 1950s have political allegiances been so fragmented. The *fracture* which M Chirac has promised to heal is not just political, but social, and it is not just France's unemployed who feel threatened by change. Given this strong current of nostalgia, M Jospin found an unexpectedly large audience for his old-fashioned socialist remedies — massive state intervention, and a crusade against the evils of "neo-capitalism" in general, and its Anglo-Saxon manifestations in particular.

On the other side, however, is a contradictory tide of disgust with mainstream politicians and with the way France is run. M Chirac has made it his business to appeal to this constituency. But he lost votes to populists of the Right, and he must now woo back a substantial proportion of the 40 per cent who voted on the "fringes" of the French political spectrum last Sunday.

Of the three main first-round candidates, all of whom promised change of some sort, M Chirac sounded the most credible. M Jospin could distance himself from champagne socialists, but not the Mitterrand years in which he was a prominent, if latterly disaffected, player. To act otherwise would have courted the potent charge of regicide against the stricken incumbent of the Elysée Palace.

The real nature of the coming battle is over the successful — which in this campaign, means harmonious and "socially responsible" — reinvention of the State. M Jospin is not the man to make that happen; it as though the Left in Britain were to be led not by Tony Blair, but by Barbara Castle — and even she is far ahead of French socialism in accepting the need to curb union power. When even Michel Rocard, once considered the great moderniser of the Socialist Party, castigates free markets and lauds the State as he did yesterday on the *Today* programme, it seems as though the French Left is still mired in the deep ideological ruts of the Cold War.

M Chirac ought to win, at least according to the psephological calculations which have proved so unreliable to date. He deserves to win because only he has set out to explain why change should be embraced, not feared. His is the candidacy of opportunity, not of refuge in systems of patronage and protection that have bred corruption and a spirit of social revolt. The austere M Jospin will paint M Chirac as a political opportunist, accusing him of promising too much for the future. But M Jospin has yet to say what, of the past, he is truly prepared to shed.

WHIPPED AGAIN

The rebels are back — and both sides have cause for satisfaction

John Major paid an expensive price for having nine of his MPs outside the party. He lost his parliamentary majority, offended the Right and gave the whipless ones a status and platform that they could never otherwise have expected. Their long exile only helped to confirm voters' perceptions that the Conservatives are divided.

Giving them back the whip is at least a step in the direction of greater unity. But for the Prime Minister the arguments must have been finely balanced. Many of his advisers were recommending that the nine should be left to stew: they had not shown the consistent support for the Government that was a condition of their return, and if they continued to rebel inside the party, Mr Major would be further embarrassed. The business of Government has, after all, continued without a majority — and even the rebels are not suicidal enough to vote against a confidence motion.

Yet their exclusion has been a running sore. Their views have been given rare prominence. The Right has been able to argue that, far from being a conciliator, Mr Major has perpetuated divisions, out of wounded pride and personal pique. These arguments have strengthened their case for a change of leadership.

Not that the personal pique and wounded pride exist only on one side. Among the core characteristics of the rebels are vanity and prickliness — qualities magnified by their months in exile and the media attention that has gone with it. Some of them think that they do not need the support of the party; that they could win their seats at the next election even against an official Conservative candidate. Although most are almost certainly wrong, their exile has made them folk heroes to many party members. At Westminster, they have not been shunned by their fellow MPs.

If anyone has won this war of attrition, it is the rebels. They have proved, by the reaction to their exclusion, that they speak for a large body of opinion in the party. They have played a nimbly populist tune: on VAT on fuel, fishing rights, the transport of animals, and identity cards. They have articulated points of view that would have been unacceptable coming from a normal Conservative MP. In the time that they have been in exile, the Cabinet line on Europe has become markedly more sceptical.

So Mr Major was always going to have to swallow his pride by offering the whip back. Yet, in doing so, he has helped to consolidate his own position. Demands for their reinstatement have come entirely from MPs on the Right. Now this wing of the party has less excuse to oppose the Prime Minister after the local elections. Activists will be happier too: disunity in the parliamentary party has been one of their main complaints.

The whole sorry business has, however, boosted the rebels' power over the leadership. Even inside the parliamentary party they will be unlikely to give consistent support to the Government over Europe: they have never done so in the past, so it is unrealistic to expect them to recant now. The Prime Minister will do anything to avoid having to expel them again. The gang of nine will keep their licence to rebel.

TO COUNT RWANDA'S DEAD

As Hutu refugees are massacred, the UN reveals its failure

The Kibeho camp in southern Rwanda is no longer a mere speck on the map: it is now a bloodstain. A massacre of Hutu refugees took place there on Saturday, as soldiers of the Rwandan Patriotic Army turned their guns, mortars and bayonets on the corralled, stampeding multitude. The Hutus died in numbers large enough to shame any Government in any circumstance: in shattered Rwanda, the harm done to the process of ethnic reconciliation could prove incalculable.

The Secretary-General of the UN, Boutros Boutros Ghali, "condemned energetically" the Government of Rwanda for the killings at Kibeho. Yet equally energetic should be the criticism of the UN itself. Unmindful of the fragility of Rwanda's political climate, UN officials announced with unseemly haste shortly after the massacre that up to 8,000 people had died. They later scaled their estimate down to 5,000, although that was not to be the end. In an egregious statement which accompanied its third and final calculation, the UN stated that "after taking a more scientific count of the number of deaths, the figure has been revised to approximately 2,000". If a "scientific count" had been employed only in the last instance, the first announcements were both ill-considered and unconscionable.

Although accounts of the violent event vary in their detail, it appears that the Government soldiers were menaced by the mobs of machete-wielding Hutu extremists present in the camp. While this is neither excuse nor justification for the subsequent killing, it does point at least to the source of the soldiers' panic and anger. Kibeho was the largest of several camps established unilaterally last year by France in the southern part of the country: since wresting power from the genocidal Hutu regime nine months ago, the Rwandan Government has succeeded in closing all but this one. Kibeho was the last redoubt of the *interahamwe* — the Hutu death squads — in Rwanda.

Britain's reaction to the weekend's massacre, unlike that of France and Belgium, has been a measured one. Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister for Overseas Development, was correct to emphasise the wider context of events and the fact that Kibeho had been in the grip of Hutu extremists. Stressing rightly that there was no question of Britain reconsidering its policy on humanitarian aid to Rwanda, she urged the Government in Kigali to restore order. This must include a full investigation into events at the camp and exemplary punishment for those soldiers found guilty of murder.

Humanitarian and material aid to Rwanda must not be reduced now. An important element in the frustration of the country's armed forces is the slow pace at which the trials for genocide are proceeding. There can be no reconciliation in Rwanda until the Hutu extremists are tried and punished. The killings at Kibeho are ferocious proof of this.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for rational view on ID cards

From Mr Christopher Jackson

Sir, Worries about an identity card (report, April 19) are understandable, but they reflect the danger of concentrating on the *card* rather than the *objectives* to be achieved. I hope that the Home Office consultation document will not only give alternative means but indicate the range of objectives.

In my experience there is widespread support for some form of proof of identity to dissuade illegal immigrants, make life harder for international crooks, prevent crime that is identity-dependent (eg, credit card), stop social security fraud and so on. Discussion of such a list, including negative effects on individual rights, is the key to rational consideration of ways to achieve the objectives.

One possibility I came across while chairman of the European Parliament's Inter-Group on Frontier Controls is well worth close study. It is the Danish "personal number", remarkable for its success in a country with a high regard for individual rights.

Each citizen has a number from birth. All foreigners legally resident have one too. Because of it the Danes claim a negligible illegal immigrant problem and reduced social security fraud. The number is required to open a bank account, go to a school, register with a doctor, claim state benefit, etc. There is a card but it does not have to be carried or produced on demand.

We should examine something like this for Britain. If we get it, a side benefit may be that our fortress mentality on frontiers will become redundant.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON
(Conservative MEP for Kent East, 1979-94),
8 Wellmeade Drive,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
April 19.

Tories and tax

From Mr Paul Richards

Sir, Peter Riddell expresses disquiet over Labour's party political broadcast on Tory tax rises ("Blair courts danger with propaganda beyond the pale", April 20). There are too the predictable cries of "foul" and a hullabaloo of outrage from Conservative MPs.

Surely, Labour is right to highlight what it sees as "lies" over taxation. This is the proper job of her Majesty's loyal Opposition.

During the 1992 general election, which many believed the Tories would lose, John Major said that his Government would reduce taxes. Instead, he has introduced, as Labour sees it, 20 new ones. New Labour is right to point this fact out to the electorate.

The Conservatives were not so squeamish about "personal attacks" when they produced their party political broadcast in 1992 showing a rotating face of Neil Kinnock accusing him of being "two-faced" and untrustworthy. The Tory press unleashed a stream of vitriol against Mr Kinnock far in excess of decent political debate.

We should have no qualms about tough campaigning from the Labour Party. The point of oppositions in a parliamentary democracy is to oppose, and expose their opponents' wrongdoings.

I remain, Sir, etc,
PAUL RICHARDS,
109 Hammersmith Bridge Road, W6.
April 20.

From Mr Harold Ingham

Sir, I was dismayed to see yesterday on television the Labour Party broadcast in which Mr Major was frequently vilified as a "liar".

In fact I suggest that Mr Major commands general respect, even among many who disagree with his policies, as a man of honesty and integrity who believes that the application of his policies will produce the results he forecasts. He may be said to exercise poor judgment and to be swayed by false optimism but few would consider him to be a deliberate liar.

I have the impression this attack by Labour may have the effect of winning for Mr Major more friends than enemies.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD INGHAM,
4 Christ Church Avenue,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
April 20.

Grammar lessons

From Mrs P. J. Bousfield

Sir, I congratulate Valerie Elliston (letter, April 11) on encouraging good grammar. Perhaps we are being tested by a deliberate mistake in her second paragraph? "As one who gives frequent 'workshop' sessions . . ." can hardly be followed at the end of the same sentence by . . . "it is invariably those below the age of 35 or so who have never been taught grammar . . .".

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA BOUSFIELD,
Hantergantick,
St Breward, Bodmin, Cornwall.

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Fear and loathing of mental illness

From the Director of the Mental Health Foundation

Sir, The key to fearful public attitudes to mental illness (report, April 18) lies not in the facts of hospital closures and community care, nor in the actual incidence of violence, but rather in the way some elements of the media have chosen to entangle and manipulate both for the sake of a sensational story.

If the closure of hospital beds was the real cause, why did we not hear more about the problems during the 1960s, 1970s and early 1980s, when the vast majority of the 140,000 long-stay hospital beds were lost (80,000, as opposed to 20,000 in the last ten years)?

If actual risk of violence was the issue, why has the recently published government-commissioned research not helped to put this risk in proportion? The research showed quite clearly that out of 525 homicides in an 18-month period, only 22 were committed by someone with a known psychiatric disorder and only two of those — horrendous though they were — were killings of a stranger.

But perhaps we are all to blame. Is the media merely responding to some overwhelming human need to create demons and dark shadows to scare ourselves with? And when we are not demonising those with very severe mental illness we like to parcel people up and label them — "a schizophrenic", "the mentally ill" — as though the whole of a life and an individual experience could be written off in a single, frequently wrongly applied, diagnostic label.

It is of course us, or at least the vast majority of us, that we are talking about. Ninety per cent of the respondents to the MORI opinion poll which you quote in your report said that they acknowledged that in the right, or wrong, circumstances they themselves could become mentally ill. The actual likelihood seems to be that in any one year one in four of us will suffer some sort of mental health problem severe enough to make us seek outside help.

How good therefore it is to see the BBC, with its current mental health season, at last trying to address mental illness as a part of ordinary life and an issue for all of us.

Yours sincerely,
JUNE McKERROW,
Director,
Mental Health Foundation,
37 Mortimer Street, W1.
April 18.

Shipyard closures

From Ms Jill Chesworth

Sir, Amongst all the celebrations and lengthy column inches in the papers on the launch of the *Oriana* (reports, April 6, 7), I was saddened to see that Swan Hunter's receivers have failed to find a buyer for the shipyard and will sell it off piecemeal in June (Business, April 7). The following day you reported that Harland and Wolff, announcing losses of £16.9 million for 1994, had called on the Government for action to enable them to compete with other countries.

Oriana was built on a waterway leading to a land-locked shipyard in Germany. This waterway needs regular dredging which is paid for by the German regional government — could this be called a subsidy? It has been suggested that British yards do not have the necessary craft skills and access to the latest technology but redundant workers from Swan Hunter have been snapped up by shipyards in the US, Germany and The Netherlands and reports from Germany indicate that their yards are no more up-to-date than the mothballed Swan Hunter yard. The difference is that the German Government, amongst others, subsidises its shipbuilding industry which now has full order books.

In contrast, the British Government has done little, if anything, to help its yards. Consequently, this island nation is only 17th in the world's shipbuilding league, behind such famous seafaring countries as Brazil and Croatia.

If subsidy had been available when the *Oriana* was put out to tender, and if Swan Hunter had not been designated a "warship yard" by the powers-that-be, a move which has lead to its ultimate demise, this British yard, with its vast acreage on the banks of the Tyne and workers sought after by other countries, could have been in a position to share in the celebrations when the *Oriana* was named and began its first cruise — instead of having to watch its assets sold off bit by bit and its community devastated.

Until government helps not hinders British industry, then the British people will not recover the "feel-good" factor.

Yours sincerely,
J. CHESWORTH,
54 Damask Crescent, E16.
April 12.

Contingency fees

From Mr Ian M. Kay

Sir, None of your correspondents has shown how a true conditional or contingent fee system works to the disadvantage of the client (report, April 21; letters, April 18). "No win, no fee" means that it costs the client nothing if he loses and the fee, if he wins, may well be less than payment by hourly charge.

We live in a results-orientated society. Why are only lawyers exempted?

In answer to Lady Talbot, the losing party may have to pay the other side's costs. That is an expense of the litigation, as is for example a doctor's report, but the lawyer gains nothing.

Yours faithfully,
I. M. KAY,
11 Balmoral Court,
Wembley Park Drive,
Wembley, Middlesex.
April 21.

From Dr Robert Swannack

Sir, There is a simple remedy to deter lawyers tempted to take on a "speculative" case of dubious merit on a "no win, no fee" basis. Let them be obliged to declare before the action the percentage of their interest in any damages award. Should the action fail, they will have to underwrite the same proportion of the defendant's costs.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SWANNACK,
Yorkley Health Centre,
Nr Lydney, Gloucestershire.
April 18.

From Mr J. H. Dover

Sir, Successful litigants are sometimes awarded a substantial punitive element as part of their overall damages award. Is this not further encouragement to solicitors to take on speculative cases under the new proposals? If the punitive element were to be payable to the Crown instead of to the litigant, that aspect would be removed.

Fines, which are the equivalent in criminal cases of punitive damages in civil cases, are payable to the Crown, not to victims. What is the difference in civil cases?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DOVER,
9 Greenhill Avenue,
Giffnock, Glasgow.
April 21.

A night at the opera

From Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes

Sir, I see from today's Diary that the privilege of hearing Pavarotti in a good seat at Covent Garden in Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera*, when he is well enough to sing, can cost you up to £267.

During my first leave from sea as a midshipman on 5s a day in 1934, this keen young Wagnerian queued for the gallery to hear Lauritz Melchior and Frida Leider in *Götterdämmerung*: five hours on, admittedly, a wooden bench seat. I leaned against the knees behind me while an attractive lady leaned against mine.

Perfect acoustics. Cost: 8s 6d.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HAYES,
Wemyss House, Nigg,
By Tain, Ross and Cromarty.
April 21.

One-way traffic

From Mr P. N. G. Gilbert

Sir, To add something to your leader "Underwater underdog" (April 14), while it is possible for those living in Calais to have a day out in London (0839 over, 1748 return), it is impossible for anyone from London to have a day out in Calais on Eurostar.

There is only an early evening train from Waterloo. Surely this is a lost market.

Yours faithfully,
P. N. G. GILBERT,
3 The Mount Square, NW3.
April 14.

Mind over Mammon

From Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, In the context of pay, Sir Terence Conran (letter, April 20) proposes a comparison between "teachers, university lecturers and professors" and "their equivalents in commerce or industry".

He would do us all a very great service if he would go on to define his criteria for equivalence.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN THWAITES,
Milnthorpe, Winchester, Hampshire.
April 20.

Single currency

From Mr Anthony Carter

Sir, Mr Kleineke (letter, April 13) need not look to the German Empire of 1875 for a precedent for coins with a "federal" side and a "local" side. He need only examine our £1 coins.

All five types show the Queen on one side. One "British" coin bears on the reverse the full arms of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland; another, briefly minted, just the shield. The three territorial coins are identified by the Welsh leek, the Scottish thistle and English roses.

Incidentally, I wonder if the kings of Bavaria, Saxony and Württemberg would have liked being referred to as "territorial princes".

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY CARTER,
Church Cottage, Morton Hall,
Morton-on-the-Hill,
Norwich, Norfolk.

Equal age for state pensions

From the General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress and others

Sir, More and more people are retiring early. Some because they wish to, others because they have no choice as it has become almost impossible for anyone approaching the pension age to find work. Fifty-five per cent of men between 60 and 64 are no longer in employment.

Yet the Government is set to equalise the state pension age at 65 for both men and women. The measure is contained in the Pensions Bill, which receives its second reading in the House of Commons on April 24.

This is flying in the face of labour market reality. Women between 60 and 65 will inevitably find it even harder to find paid work. Those who work to age 65 will qualify for only 72 per cent of current pension. The recent debate on pensions and divorce has highlighted once again the poverty faced by many women in retirement.

The result of equalisation at age 65 will be a new twilight zone for most people at the start of their sixties. They will have stopped working, but will not yet be eligible for a state pension.

The Government says that future employees will not be able to afford the pensions of the growing numbers of elderly. Yet the UK is much better placed than its competitors. We already pay the smallest proportion of GDP to those over 65 among OECD countries. The increase in the ratio between the working age population and the retired population by 2040 will be the smallest of any in the OECD. Small changes in the assumptions on which the Government calculates the costs of equalising at different ages produce very different figures.

In 1954 the Phillips committee considered the future of pensions. Despite predicting accurately the number of pensioners there would be by 1979, they warned that the then pensions burden would have dire consequences and called for the state retirement age to be increased.

They got it badly wrong. MPs should think very carefully about accepting similar warnings today that would leave many of their constituents, particularly women, retiring well before they can receive a pension.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN MONKS,
General Secretary,
Trades Union Congress,
KAMLESH BAHL
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VERONICA BAYNE
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SHEILA DIPLOCK
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JACK JONES
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MARGUERITE MITCHELL
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Congress House,
Great Russell Street, WC1.
April 19.

Thought for VE-Day

From Miss Sarah E. Hebron

Sir, A great deal of money is being made out of the nostalgic celebrations of VE-Day. I hope it has occurred to at least some of the commercial enterprises involved to donate a considerable share of their profits to organisations which care for the people who made the victory against Fascism possible, many of whom are now in great need.

Yours faithfully,
S. E. HEBRON,
22 Mount Vale Drive, York.
April 22.

Forecasting change

From Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer

Sir, The belief that "Cast not a clout till May be out" (letters, April 10, 12, 21) refers to the tree rather than to the month is an over-ingenious misapprehension.

According to *The Oxford Dictionary of English Proverbs*, its source is a Spanish saying of the early 18th century, translated as "Do not leave off your coat till May be past"; an alternative version, also Spanish, translates as "In April do not take off a thread".

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GROSVENOR MYER,
34 West End,
Haddenham, Cambridge.
April 21.

Busy bunnies

From Lady Moate

Sir, On April 22 *The Times* (page 11) informs us with its usual authority that the rabbit population is currently around 37 million, a third of its pre-myxomotosis level.

By page 17 of the Weekend supplement, *The Times* informs us that the rabbit population is now back to its pre-myxomotosis level.

This apparent breeding ability is impressive — even for rabbits.

Yours sincerely,
AURIOL MOATE,
Calico House, Newnham,
Nr Sittingbourne, Kent.
April 24.

☐ *Editor's note: page 11 was right.*

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 24: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the British Standards Institution, 389 Chiswick High Road, London W4.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later reviewed elements of 20 Transport Squadron Royal Logistic Corps at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening chaired the third *Prince Philip Lecture* and attended a *Dinner* at 8 John Adam Street, London WC2.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

His Royal Highness was represented by Sir Malcolm Edge at the Funeral of Captain Sir George Barnard which was held in the *Church of St Lawrence the Martyr, Abbots Langley, this afternoon.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 24: The Prince Edward this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Miami, Florida, United States of America.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 24: Princess Alexandra, *President, this morning opened the Princess Alexandra Ward of the Royal Star and Garter Home,* Richmond, Surrey.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new temperate house at Savill Garden, Home Park, Windsor, at 3.00.

The Prince of Wales will present the Business Commitment to the Environment awards at BAFTA *at 12.30 on their 20th anniversary: as* Patron of the 9th International Food and Drink Exhibition 1995, will visit the exhibition at Earls Court Exhibition Centre at 2.30; and will attend the premiere of *Legends of the Fall* at the Odeon West End Theatre at 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health's 50th anniversary dinner at the Regent Hotel, NW1, at 7.25.

The Duke of Kent, as Chairman of Trustees of The *Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conference* (UK Fund), will attend the annual trustees meeting at Norwich Union House, EC3, at 9.30.

Luncheons

St George's Day Club
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein was the principal guest at the annual *luncheon of the St George's Day Club* held yesterday at Grosvenor House. Air Vice Marshal G.C. Lamb, president, was in the chair. The Very Rev *Lawrence Jackson, Vice Admiral* Sir Barry Wilson and Mr Charlie Chester spoke. Lord Elliott of Morpeth, Lord Morris of Kenward, Lord Forte, *the Hon Sir Rocco Forte and Mr P J R* Gardner, VC, *were also present.*

Rotary Club of London
Lord Dubs was the speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of *London held* yesterday at the London *Marriott* Hotel. *Mr John* Parker, president, was in the chair.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir David Ford, *the Commissioner,* Hong Kong Government Office in London, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of *the Royal Over-Seas League* held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr T.S. Lansley presided.

Dinners

Glaziers' Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the *Sheriffs, was a speaker at the annual livery dinner of the* Glaziers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr J.B.R. Vartan, Master, presided, assisted by Mr P.G. Lowe, Upper Warden, and Mr M.C. Tosh, Renter Warden. The *Bishop* of Peterborough *also* spoke. Among the guests were:
Mr Ray Whitney, MP, the Masters of the Merchant Taylors Company of York, *the Palmer-Stainers Company,* the Glass Sellers Company, the Tobacco Pipe Makers Makers and Tobacco Blenders Company, the Scientific Instrument Makers *Company and the Launderers* Company and the Mistress Cutler of the Cutlers Company in Hallamshire.

Royal Society of St George
The Dean of St Paul's proposed the toast to "*England and St George*" at the St George's Day dinner of the City of London branch of the Royal Society of St George held *last night at Guildhall. Mr Joseph* C.F.B. Byllam-Barnes, Chairman of the branch, presided. Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and the Rev Basil Watson also spoke. Among those present were:
The Recorder of London and Lady Verney, the Chief Commoner and Mrs Bird, the Master of the Guild of Freemen and *Mrs Martin, Alderman* and Mrs Anthony Bull, Alderman Gavyn Arthur and Lady Anne *Seymour, the Chairman of the Royal* Society of St George and Mr W R *Linton,* Mrs J C B Byllam-Barnes, the President of the City Livery Club and Mrs Douglas, the President of the *United Wards Club and Mrs* Wooldridge, Deputy Bernard L Morgan, the Masters of Livery Companies, Members of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation *of London* and members and their guests.

Japan Society
Mr Richard Branson, Chairman of the Virgin Group, and Ambassador Kazuo Chiba were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Japan Society held last night at *Grosvenor House. The Japanese* Ambassador, *president of the society,* was in the chair. During the dinner the ambassador presented the society's annual award to Mrs Keiko Holmes for her work on reconciliation between former prisoners of war and the Japanese people.

Freight Transport Association
Mr Neil Kinnock, a European Commissioner, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Freight Transport Association held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr R.A. Clark, president, presided.

Poet's detractors accused of nit-picking

Kipling's road to Mandalay was just so

BY ALAN HAMILTON

RUDYARD KIPLING'S imprecise grasp of geography, and his apparently confused sense of direction on the road to Mandalay, has prompted a heated debate among enthusiasts of the great imperial writer.

Those who believe poetry to be more important than geography have sprung to his defence in the latest issue of the Kipling Society's quarterly journal. It does not matter in the slightest, they say, that the old Moulmein pagoda, with its Burma girl a-settin', is 400 miles off course, or that the bay over which the dawn comes up like thunder is due west.

As reported in *The Times* in January, doubts about Kipling's ability as a travel writer were first raised by Sir George Engle, the retired first parliamentary counsel and a Kipling enthusiast, in a recent edition of the society's journal. Did flying fishes really play in a city 200 miles from the sea?

Most certainly, according to one correspondent, Mr J.F. Midgley, a wartime RAF veteran of the Far East. "Flying fishes do in fact play in the Irrawaddy, and for that that matter also in the Chindwin. I've seen 'em." Other correspondents point out that the "road" to Mandalay is the Irrawaddy River, the only way to reach the inland city in Kipling's day, upon which troops were ferried by the paddle steamers of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company.

Mr B.E. Smythies writes from Redhill, Surrey, to argue that flying fishes seen on the road to Mandalay refer to the British soldier approaching the coast of Burma on his troopship. As for the dawn coming up out of China, according to Mr Smythies, Kipling may well have been referring to China Bakir, a point on the coast where ships picked up the Rangoon river pilot. "On the other hand, if Kipling never heard the name China Bakir, one must assume he visualised the British soldier as being too ignorant of geography to distinguish Burma from China."

Other correspondents have joined the debate to express irritation at the nit-picking. "*Mandalay* was a poem, not a travelogue, and a poet is not a map-maker. John Constable was not above re-siting Dedham Church a little in his landscapes if it would better suit his perspectives," according to Mr N.D. Ing of Colchester.

Expressing himself "exasperated" at the nit-picking, Mr T. Hastie of Carmarthen says: "*Walter Scott dropped many clangers in his time too; in Young Lochinvar* he wrote:

So light to the croupe the fair lady he swung,
So light to the saddle before her he sprung!

Before her? That must have required a nimble piece of acrobatics. But so what? Even Homer nodded, did he not?"

Norman Entract, secretary of the Kipling Society, said yesterday: "A lot of our members are ex-Indian civil servants and Army people who have been out east. They fall into two camps: those who query the geography, and those who say it doesn't matter."

Present-day travellers to the region would have difficulty in finding Burma at all; the country has renamed itself Myanmar. But the city of pagodas 400 miles up the Irrawaddy, where the flying fishes apparently really do play, is still Mandalay.

● The Kipling Society exists for anyone interested in the work, life and times of Rudyard Kipling, 1865-1936. Particulars from the secretary, the Kipling Society, PO Box 68, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2YR.

Ella Fitzgerald, the jazz singer, is 77 today

Birthdays today

Mr Eric Bristow, darts player, 38; Sir Robin Cater, former chairman, Distillers Company, 76; Mr Anthony Christopher, trade unionist, 70; Mr David de Peyer, director-general, Cancer Research Campaign, 61; Mr Ellis Douek, otologist, 61; Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, former chairman, Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 75; Dr T.E. Faber, director, Faber and Faber, 68; Dr John Fox, medical statistician, 49; Lord Gladwyn, 95; Lord Hayter, 84; Mrs Janet King, Governor, Holloway Prison, 45; the Earl of Lichfield, 56; Mr Ian McCartney, MP, 44; Mr David Machin, Under Treasurer, Gray's Inn, 61; Lady Marre, former chairman, BBC and IBA Central Appeals Advisory Committee, 75; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, 65; Judge Marian Norrie, 55; Mr Al Pacino, actor, 55; Judge Helen Paling, 62; Mr David Shepherd, artist, 64; Lord Skidelsky, 56; Sir Francis Graham-Smith, former Astronomer Royal, 72; Mrs Linda Stone, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 44; Mr Peter Sutherland, former chairman, Allied Irish Banks, 49; Mrs V.E. Sutherland, diplomat, 56.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Ashton
and Miss J.G. Ward
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Richard Ashton, of Shaldon, Devon, and Joanna, daughter of Dr D. Michael Ward, Warden, St John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem, and Mrs Ward, of Shaldon, Devon. The marriage will be in Jerusalem.

Mr C.G. Bramley
and Miss B. Holdsworth
The engagement is announced between Clive Graeme, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan V. Bramley, of Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent, and Belinda, elder daughter of Mr George J. Holdsworth, of Coventry, at present living in Shanghai, and Mrs Anna Dick, of Lot-et-Garonne, Bordeaux.

Mr R.J. Bryan
and Miss S.M. Bryan
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Bryan, of Cosham, Hampshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Bryan, of Sutton, Peterborough.

Mr H.G. Daniel
and Miss J.E. Hay
The engagement is announced between George, *third son of Mr* and Mrs Patrick Daniel, of Enmore, Somerset, and Julie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hay, of Kettering, Northamptonshire.

M S.M.D. Dont
and Miss C.L. Tinney
The engagement is announced between *Sebastien Marie Daniel,* second son of M and Mme Bertrand Dont, of Paris, and Clare Louisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Tinney, of Matching Hall, Matching, Essex.

Mr D.C. Richardson
and Miss S.J. McKie
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Kitt Richardson, of Mid Levels, Hong Kong, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wilfred J. McKie, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr R.J.C. Howatson
and Miss A.E. Foster
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Dr and Mrs Alastair Howatson, of Oxford, and Antonia, elder daughter of *Mr* and *the Hon Mrs Charles Foster,* of Arley, Cheshire.

Mr J.T. Huxley
and Miss S.J. Boddington
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Eleanor Huxley and the late Mr Robert Huxley, of Hampton Heath, *Malpas, Cheshire, and* Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Boddington, of Spurstow, Tarporley, Cheshire.

Mr J.R.H. Meredith
and Miss T.L. Parkes
The engagement is announced between *Justin*, son of *Mr and Mrs David Meredith, of Pyrford,* Surrey, and Tracey, eldest daughter of Mr David Parkes, of Evenley, Northamptonshire, and Mrs Sally White, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Mr P.C. Stockton
and Miss K.I.E.G. Lorimer
The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Stockton, of Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire, and Katie, only daughter of the late Mr Christopher Lorimer and of Mrs Daria Lorimer, of St Andrews, Fife.

Mr J.P. Young
and Miss S.M. Baylis
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Sir Richard and Lady Young, of Bearley, Warwickshire, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs *Jeff Baylis, of Hambrook, Bristol.*

Marriage

Mr C.G. Collings
and Miss M.P. Oliver
The marriage took place quietly on April 20, between Mr Guy Collings, MA, and Miss Penelope Oliver, MVO, in the Saxon Church of St Bartholomew, Fingest. The Rev Lady Carol Wodehouse was the celebrant.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Edward II, reigned *1307-27, Caernarvon, 1284;* Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector 1653-58, Huntingdon, 1599; James Ferguson, astronomer, Rothiemay, Banffshire, 1710; Sir Marc Isambard Brunel, engineer, *Hacqueville, France, 1769;* John *Keble, a founder of the Oxford Movement, Fairford, Gloucestershire,* 1792; C.B. Fry, sportsman, Croydon, 1872; Walter de la Mare, poet and novelist, Charlton, Kent, 1873; Guglielmo Marconi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1909, Bologna, *1874; Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary, Princess Royal, York Cottage,* Sandringham, 1897; *Ed* Murrow, broadcaster, North Carolina, 1908.

DEATHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Rome, 1595; John Woodward, geologist and physician, London, 1728; Anders Celsius, inventor of the Centigrade thermometer, Uppsala, Sweden, 1744; *William Cowper, poet, East Dereham, Norfolk,* 1800; Vladimir Ivanovich Nemirovich-Danchenko, theatre director, novelist and playwright, Moscow, 1943; Sir Carol Reed, film director, London, 1976.

Today is Anzac Day commemorating the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops at Gallipoli, 1915.

A *paper published by geneticists* James Watson and Francis Crick established the structure and function of DNA, 1953.

The Hubble space telescope was launched from the shuttle *Discovery,* 1990.

Reception

British Horseracing Board
Lord Donoughue was host at a reception for the British Horseracing Board in the House of *Lords last night. The reception was* attended by members of both Houses of Parliament together with members and executives of the BHB, and representatives of the racing and betting industries and the media.

School news

Churcher's College
Summer Term commences today and ends on Friday, July 7. The Old Churcherian Club and Society London Dinner will be held at the East India Club on Friday, May 12 and members are invited to the annual OCC Cricket Match against the 1st XI on *Saturday,* July 1, starting at 11am. *Open* Day will be held on *Saturday,* July 1, from 9.30am *to* 12.30pm and Sports Day is on *Wednesday, June 28.* The Old Churcherian Club and Society Formal Dinner and Dance will be held at the College on Saturday, July 8 and further details are available from the College office.

Colchester Royal Grammar School
Term began yesterday at Colchester Royal Grammar School. Nick Scott is School Captain. Jon Mundy is Captain of Cricket. Old Boys' Day will be on July 5. The school will host the Royal Grammar Schools' Cricket *Festival* from *July 10-14. Speech Day will be on July 20, when His Excellency Mr* Nicholas Elam, CMG, Ambassador to Luxembourg, an Old Boy of the school, will be principal guest.

Latymer Upper School, W6
Summer Term commences today, and ends on July 5. Captain of Boats is Gavin Hales, and Captain of Cricket is Matthew Pryor. The major *events of this term are the* Centenary Ball on June 17 and the Centenary Founder's Day Service of Thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral on May 25. Any Old Latymerians wishing to attend should contact the school for tickets.

Pipers Corner School, High Wycombe
The Summer term begins today *at Pipers Corner School,* Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, with 360 pupils. Nine scholarships have been awarded for Sixth Form studies this coming Autumn, 1995. Sports Day takes place on Friday, June 23, and Parents' Day will be held on Saturday, July 8, *when, the new* Technology and Performing Arts development will be completed and open for inspection.

Rendcomb College
To celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the foundation of the *College,* there will be a service in *Gloucester* Cathedral at 3pm on *Sunday,* May 28. Copies of the *second* part of the *History of Rendcomb,* by David Sells, will be obtainable from the College in June. Open Air Performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will take place at 8pm on May 24, 25 and 27 and there will be a Matinee Performance at 2pm on May 26, followed at 7.00pm by the Senior Art Exhibition *Private* View. The Anniversary Ball takes place at the College on *Saturday,* July 8. Tickets *for all these events can be* obtained *from* the College.

Saint Felix, Southwold
Term began on April 24 and ends with Parents' Day on Saturday, July 8. The Summer Ball will be held on the evening of July 8 and Old Felicians will be welcome. Our Summer Term production *is Tom Sawyer* with performances *on June 18, 19 and 20. Details of Tom Sawyer and the* Ball may be *obtained* from the School Office.

Shoreham College
The Summer Term begins today at Shoreham College. Events of particular interest include An *Evening with Jonathan Summers* (the celebrated Baritone) on Sunday, May 21 and the 80th Birthday Lunch for Messrs Kennedy (President and former Headmaster), Curtis and Bennett (former masters) on *Saturday,* July 1. The term *ends on Thursday, July 6,* with Prize-Giving. The Guest of Honour will be Mr P.D.C. Points, Governor and former Headmaster of Pangbourne College.

Wycliffe College
Summer Term opened yesterday with 635 students. A Development Appeal will be launched on April 29. The Foundation Stone will be laid for the New Sixth Form Halls of Residence on May 20. The new Dining Hall will be completed by June 26. *Old Wycliffian Day takes* place at the College on July 8. Term ends with Speech Day on July 15 and Prizes will be presented by Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff. The Very Rev Robert Willis will preach at the Leavers' Service. Daniel Singer will Captain the Cricket Team. Ross Evans will Captain Boys' Tennis. Captain of Girls' Tennis to be announced.

Diplomatic Service

Sir John Kerr to be Ambassador to America from the end of August in succession to Sir Robin Renwick, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Mr Stephen Wall to be United Kingdom Permanent Representative to the European Union, with the rank of ambassador, in succession to *Sir John Kerr.*

Mr Roger Westbrook to be Ambassador to Portugal in successsion to Mr Stephen Wall.

Wolfson Foundation

The winners of the Wolfson History Awards 1994 *are:*

Fiona McCarthy for *William Morris: A Life for Our Time* (Faber and Faber)

John C.G. Rohl for *The Kaiser and his Court: Wilhelm II and the Government of Germany* (Cambridge University Press).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
COMMANDER: R Albon - *Seahawk* 15.9.95; J C Kidd - Collingwood 8.9.95; D J Iye - Hecla in Cmd 29.8.95.

CHAPLAIN: C Geddes - Staff of FOSF 4.7.95; Q A Lacy - Drake 30.6.95.

The Army
BRIGADIER: B P Plummer - To be Comd 1 Mech Bde HQ & Sig Sqn 19.4.95

COLONEL: G J Mann - To BDS Washington 21.4.95; R D Richards - To [illegible] 28.4.95; J H T Short - To IMS Brussels 18.4.95; M D Wood - To 3(UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt 18.4.95.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: J G Aske - To be CO 7 Tpt Reg RLC 18.4.95; R P Carmen RE - To be CO 62 CRE 17.4.95; D N J Flynn KORBR - To School of Inf 21.4.95; S Giles RLC - To HQ 2 DIV 18.4.95; C A Hookey *QDG* - To be CO 4 QLR 18.4.95; A Schumacher KORBR - To be CO 1 KORBR 23.4.95.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: R A Wright - To HQ STC 18.4.95; R H Gould - To HQ AIR NORTHWEST 18.4.95.

GROUP CAPTAIN: M J Gilding - To HQLC 18.4.95; P J Robbie - To JARIC Brampton 21.4.95; P W Day - To HQ STC 21.4.95.

WING COMMANDER: K W J Green - To HQ PTC 18.4.95; R H Kinzett to HQ PTC 18.4.95.

BMD'S: 0171 782 7272
PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

TRADE: 0171 481 1982
FAX: 0171 481 9313

How have we wearied the Lord? By saying that all evildoers *are good* in the eyes of the Lord, that he is pleased with them, or by asking, "Where is the God of justice?"
Malachi 2 : 17 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADAMS - *On April 12th, to* Susan (née Knight) and Richard, twin sons, James *Michael* Peter and William John Dunstan.

BAYLESS - On April 17th 1995 Ian and Wendy Bayless are pleased to announce the arrival of William Henry Arthur, younger brother of George.

BRIGHT - On April 22nd in *Frankfurt am Main* to Jane (née Pease) and Colin, a daughter, Olivia Lucy Kate. A sister for Thomas.

BURRELL - On April 20th, to Annell and Duff, a son, Toby.

COMERFORD - On *Saturday* 22nd April, to Catherine and John, a son, *Harvey William,* a brother to Milo.

CURTIS - Emma Adelaide at The Portland Hospital on April 19th to Sally-Ann (née Read) and Craig, a beautiful *second daughter and sister to* Aimée.

HEILPERN - On 19th April at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Suzan (née Walker) and Simon, a son Harry Edward.

MUIR - On 19th April 1995, to Sarah-Jane (née Jenkinson) and Simon, a son, Thomas Sebastian.

PORTER GOFF - On April 17th, to Linda (née Butterworth) and Andrew, a son, *Benjamin* Edward, a brother for Kathryn.

PRITCHARD - On 31st March 1995 at QEII Hospital, Welwyn, to Bridget (née Cascoyne) and Michael, a daughter, Rosemary Grace.

SALTER - Miranda (née Dewing) and Jerry *are* delighted by the safe arrival of Philippa Clare Rotherham on 18th April 1995.

SLATER - On April 21st, to Eileen and Daniel, a daughter, Liliana.

SODBORG - On April 19th at The Portland Hospital Lone Sodborg gave birth to a beautiful daughter Laura Josefine, the proud father is Jorn Sodborg.

TURNER - On April 11th, to *Marco* and Sarah (née Thomson), a son, Max Frederick Giordano, a brother for Fleur.

WHITAMORE - *On April* 21st, to Miranda (née Shaw) and Christopher, a son, Rufus James William, a brother for Lucy.

WILLETT - On April 20th, to Muffin and Dan, a daughter, Antigone May, a sister for Emerald and Tabitha.

WILLS - On April 20th at The *Portland Hospital,* to Wendy (née Leach), a daughter, Phoebe Heather.

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YEPIFANOV - On April 21st *at The Portland Hospital,* to Liudmila and Sergey, a beautiful daughter, Aliona, a *sister for Sasha.*

YOUNGER - On April 23rd, to Sally and Charlie, a son, Freddie (stillborn). A brother for Arabella and Katrina. With Georgina, forever remembered.

DEATHS

ARCHER - On April 21st 1995, peacefully at home, William Frederick (Jock) Archer, beloved husband of Dulcie and father of Ian, Paul and Mary and loving grandfather to his seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren after an illustrious career culminating as *President of the Institute* of Chartered Secretaries. Funeral and burial at St Mary Magdalen, Wargrave, Berkshire, on Friday 28th April at 12 noon. There will also be a memorial thanksgiving service at St Mark's, Reigate, Surrey on the same day at 4 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Stroke Association c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, (01737) 763486.

ARMSTRONG - On Friday April 21st 1995, peacefully in hospital, Hilary John Bradley, aged 84 years, of Bulcote, Nottingham. *Beloved husband of Felicity* (née Monserrat). Loving father of Giles, Judith, Karen, Piers and Meg and grandfather of Melanie, Carolyn, Stephen, William, Jamie, Toby and Rachel. Funeral and Requiem Mass at The Sacred Heart, Carlton, Nottingham, on *Monday 1st May at 1.30 pm,* followed by cremation at Bramcote. Flowers may be sent to G. Harrod or if desired donations in lieu to The Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Carlton Hill, Carlton. All enquiries to G. Harrod (0115) 9616180.

BRADLEY - On April 22nd *1995 peacefully at home in* Stockbridge, Patrick, aged 75, after an illness borne with courage and dignity. Much loved and loving husband of Erica (Pat), father of Nicholas and James, also a dear grandfather. Family flowers only please. Private cremation in the morning, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Stockbridge, *Hampshire at 2.30 pm on* Friday 28th April. Gifts to a cancer charity may be made through a collection at the service. Enquiries to A.H. Chesher, (01794) 513535.

BURNS - On April 19th 1995, Ronald, beloved husband of June and father of Robin. Cremation has taken place.

DEATHS

CANTLAY - On April 18th *1995 at St Thomas' Hospital,* London, Lilian (known as Linda) aged 88. Widow of *Col. L.F. Cantlay.* Funeral on Friday 28th April 11 am at Mortlake Crematorium. All *enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel:* (0171) 229-3810.

DANGERFIELD - Peacefully on 22nd April 1995, *Thomas, formerly of* Ramsden, Oxfordshire. Dearly loved husband of Nancy, *father of John and* Andrew. Much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St James Church, Ramsden, on Wednesday 26th April at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund.

de RUYTER - (Née Nixon) Muriel Eileen Theodora. On April 23rd *peacefully* at Greenvale Nursing Home aged 88. Funeral Service at St Bartholomews Church, 189 Ellison Road, SW16, on Tuesday 2nd *May* at 10 am, followed by cremation at South London 11.30 am.

DUMERTHERAY - *Née van* Millingen, Flora on 22nd April in hospital. Beloved sister, *daughter,* wife and mother. Cremation Friday 28th April 2.15 pm at Père *Lachaise* Crematorium, Paris. Memorial service in Ravensthorpe to be arranged.

FREWIN - On 19th April 1995, peacefully in hospital, Sylvia, aged 87 years, wife of Noel and mother of Gillian, Anne, John and Tom. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Sittingbourne, Kent, on *Tuesday 2nd May at 12 noon* followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to Macmillan Nurses c/o R High & Sons, 1 Bayford Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, tel: (01795) 472968.

GUNESEKERA - Douglas C. Passed away peacefully 24th April. Former Secy, ADB, DGov, CB, Sri Lanka, Cons CAB, UN. Service: 3 pm, 8th May, All Saints, The Avenue, Hampton. Flowers: by noon to Paines, 0181-977-1206.

HADLEY - *On 22nd April,* James, beloved husband of Lottie, much loved father of *Joanna and dear grandfather* of Saffron died peacefully at home. Funeral took place on 24th April at Bérard, France.

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HAMPTON - On 23rd April 1995, *peacefully at Firlands* Nursing Home, The Revd Cyril Herbert Hampton, aged 98. Indian Police *(retd)* and sometime Rector of Piddlehinton, Dorset, beloved husband of Patricia, much loved father of Yoma, Dorothy and Clifford and a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather.
Thanksgiving Service Friday 28th April 3.00 pm at Christ Church, Alumhurst Road, Westbourne, private Cremation following. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, *for Crosslinks* may be sent to Derek-Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth, BH7 6AN. (01202) 309609.

HANMER - Esther peacefully *at home on April 23rd. She* was greatly loved by all her family. Funeral Service at All Saints Tarrant Monkton. 12 noon Friday April 28th. Family flowers only please.

HESLOP - *Kenneth James,* peacefully on 21st April, aged 82. Private family service. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Parkinson's *Disease* Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 0RA.

HILLARD - On 22nd April peacefully at his home in Ashburton, Lt. Col. Charles Julian Loraine Hillard M.B.E., aged 88. Beloved and loving husband *of* the late *Dorothy Mary.* Greatly loved father of Caroline and adored grandpa to Matthew, Benedict and Cressida. Loving stepfather and grandpy to Georgina and the Bunker family and much loved *father-in-law* to Paul. He will be sadly missed by them and all his many *friends.* Funeral Service St Andrew's Church, Ashburton, Tuesday 2nd May at 2.30 pm. Cut flowers only but donations if

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KOTELAWALA - Dixon *(Koty),* cousin *of the late* General The Right Honourable Sir John *Kotelawala* K.C.M.G., brother of Sita, Douglas, Malini and the late Solomon and *George, and much loved* companion of Fiona Wise, suddenly, on Saturday 22nd April in London. Funeral on Wednesday 26th April at 3.45 pm at West London Crematorium, *Harrow Road.*

LANG - The Honourable Cecilia Alexandra Rose, Justice of the *Peace,* died very suddenly at home on Sunday 23rd April, aged 48, *most dearly beloved as the* wife of Geoffrey, the mother of Oliver and Imogen and the elder *daughter of Cob - Lord* Alport. The requiem and funeral will be held at 2.30pm on Friday *28th April* at S Peter's Church, Hammersmith, London W6, followed by private committal at Mortlake Crematorium. Family flowers only but her friends will know why she would have been grateful *for* their gifts for MENCAP c/o Mrs Temple, S Peter's Church, Black Lion Lane, London W6.

LEVENE - On 19th April 1995 suddenly, Dr. Gerald Max Levene FRCP, *consultant* dermatologist. Beloved partner of Mary and much loved brother of *Michael.* Sadly missed by family, friends and colleagues. Cremation *at* 1.30 pm on 25th April (today) at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel. *Please no flowers.*

LISSMANN - On Friday April 21st 1995, Hans Werner Lissmann F.R.S., Fellow *of* Trinity College, Cambridge, died peacefully in his sleep. Funeral Service at

DEATHS

MILLER - (Late of Singapore) *Margaret, died peacefully on* April 20th at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey. Wife of the late James Miller and much loved mother and grandmother of Douglas, Clare, Keith, Iain and Karen. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on April 27th at 10 am.

MILLER - Peacefully at his home Clapham, London, on 22nd April 1995, Allan, younger son of the late Donald and Margaret Miller, Dunnikier Wick, Caithness. Funeral Service at Lambeth Crematorium on 28th April 1995 at 3.30 pm. All friends respectfully invited.

MOLESWORTH - Suddenly *at home on 24th April 1995.* Nicola Harley Sarah (née Regan). For funeral arrangements please contact L. Pulcher, 80 Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, (01284) 754049.

MORGAN - On 18th April 1995 at St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester Jessie Mary aged 80 years. Beloved wife *of* the late Francis Edward. Funeral service has taken place, but if desired *donations to her memory* may be sent to 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' c/o Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Sussex Tel: 01243 864745

PAGE - On 23rd April 1995, Raymond, at home at Crowcombe, formerly of Cutcombe, *Somerset,* aged 90. Widower of Barbara Mary Page (née Long), father *of Anthony,* Martin and Madeline. Funeral enquiries telephone: (01643) 702086.

PARSONS-SMITH - Peacefully on April 21st, Gerald, aged 85, beloved husband of Aurea, much loved father of Anne, James and Nick, grandfather of Simon, Hugo, Lara, William

DEATHS

PLEASANCE - On 23rd April, peacefully at The Marie Curie Home, Tiverton, after a long illness borne with great courage, Peggy, beloved wife of Group

DEATHS

STAUNTON - Joyce Catherine, on April 21st peacefully at home, beloved wife of Alan, much loved mother of Duncan and Marion and grandmother of

DEATHS

WORSCHALL - Victor aged 70. Died in hospital in West London on 14th April. Leaves a widow, Frances and four children, Chris, Alana, Jeremy and

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MAJOR-GENERAL J. R. HOLDEN

Major-General John Reid Holden, CB, CBE, DSO, Director of the Royal Armoured Corps, 1965-68, died on April 18 aged 82. He was born on January 8, 1913.

"JOCK" HOLDEN was the Director of the Royal Armoured Corps in the Ministry of Defence at the time of the Army's post-Suez re-equipment programme in the 1960s. Although no Whitehall warrior — indeed, he listed among his hobbies "teasing the MoD and senior officers" — he was a great communicator and successfully steered several important armoured warfare projects through the ministry's complex decision-making machinery.

His successes included the decision to go ahead with the first family of wheeled and tracked Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance (CVRs), the forerunners of the fighting vehicles — the tracked Warrior and Scimitar, and the lighter Saxon wheeled armoured personnel carriers — that we see so often on our television screens, operating in Bosnia. He influenced the introduction of Stalwart, the amphibious, high-mobility logistic load carrier, to ensure the rapid resupply of tanks in battle; and he recognised the importance of army helicopters with anti-tank weapons and stabilised sights.

He had his difficulties, too. While he had nothing to do with the development of the new Chieftain tank, its introduction into service during his time as director plagued him and his re-equipped regiments. Its multi-fuel Leyland L60 engine was, at the time of its introduction, outdated and notoriously unreliable. Developing as it did a mere 750bhp, it was also woefully under-powered for such a heavy tank. Its Royal Ordnance-manufactured L11 A2 gun was, too, reckoned inferior to the Rheinmetall gun, which was later developed by Krauss-Maffei of Munich, and chosen to arm the Bundeswehr's Leopard 2 and the US Army's Abrams tanks.

John Reid Holden was educated at Hamilton Academy and Glasgow University, where he read the unlikely subjects of anthropology and embryology but, with war clouds gathering over Europe, he set his heart on joining the Army. Since his parents could not afford the prewar Sandhurst fees, he joined the Highland Light Infantry as a private. To do so he had abandoned his degree, but, fortunately, was selected to go to Sandhurst under the "Y" cadet scheme of commissioning soldiers from the ranks.

He joined the Royal Tank Corps as a second lieutenant in 1937 and went to France in 1940 with the 7th Royal Tank Regiment, winning his spurs in the epic counter-attack near Arras, which momentarily checked the German dash for the Channel ports. After Dunkirk, he went out to the Western Desert with the 7th RTR as adjutant and later as squadron commander. In June 1941 he took part in Wavell's limited and abortive "Battleaxe" offensive. By the third day of the battle, the 7th RTR had shrunk to a composite squadron of 14 Matildas under his command. By the time Rommel's Afrika Corps disengaged that evening, he had only five tanks left. He was awarded an immediate DSO.

After attending the Staff College, Haifa, he returned to the Desert in June 1942 as Brigade Major of the 32nd Army Tank Brigade just in time for the disastrous battle of Gazala, during which his brigade suffered heavy losses in the "cauldron" and he was taken prisoner. His Italian jailers became so fed up with his constant attempts to escape that they moved him to their top security camp at Genoa. When Italy capitulated in the autumn of 1943, the Germans started moving surrendered Italian soldiers to Germany. Dressed as Italians, he and two companions managed to join one of their trains from which they escaped near the Dutch-German border, only to be betrayed by a Russian forced labour worker whose help they had sought. Holden spent the rest of the war in German captivity.

His first postwar appointment of importance was as GSO1 (Intelligence) at GHQ in Singapore in 1952, during the anti-terrorist campaign in Malaya, for which he was appointed OBE. Two years later he was commanding the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment in the British Army of the Rhine (1954-57), and after a year in the War Office was appointed to command the celebrated 7th Armoured Brigade in 1958. He was advanced to CBE at the end of his tenure in 1961.

He then suffered a grossly unfair setback at the hands of the Macmillan Government. He had been selected to command the 2nd Division in BAOR and was about to take over command when his posting was abruptly cancelled. The command was given instead to a Canadian general for political reasons. Holden was offered command of the Nigerian forces which, as a senior armoured commander, he not surprisingly but perhaps misguidedly declined.

As a stopgap, he attended the Royal Naval War College, Greenwich, and was posted to another brigadier's appointment as chief of the British mission to the Soviet forces in Germany. It was an exciting time to be accredited to the Soviet commanders. Not only was the Cuban missile crisis at its height, but the first anniversary of the erection of the Berlin Wall was stirring emotions. Regrettably, it took the War Office three years to find another major-general's command for him: the 43rd (Wessex) Division TA — hardly an equivalent of the 2nd Division in Germany, although it was while holding this post that he was appointed CB in 1965.

He assumed his last appointment in the Army as Director of the Royal Armoured Corps that year, and retired in 1968, bearing no malice for the injustice that he had suffered. Initially, he sought to satisfy his lifelong interest in books by going into business with an antiquarian bookseller in Dorset. Disillusioned with commercial life, he returned to his roots in Scotland where he could enjoy watching and photographing birds. In spite of failing health, he remained mischievous, charming and cheerful to the delight of his many friends.

In 1939 he married Rosemarie Pennefather. She died in 1980. He is survived by their daughter.

SENATOR JOHN STENNIS

John Stennis, former chairman of the US Senate Armed Services Committee, died in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 23 aged 93. He was born on August 3, 1901.

JOHN STENNIS was a hard man to stop. Shot and seriously wounded in a 1973 robbery attempt in Washington, he was back at work within weeks. Eleven years later, at the age of 83, when a malignant tumour necessitated the amputation of his left leg, Stennis's response was to have his desk in the Senate chamber modified so that he could continue to make speeches on his feet.

He was a stubborn man and always had been. As generations of more liberal politicians from his own Democratic Party discovered, the senior Senator from Mississippi was a force to be reckoned with if they wanted to enact reform in the field of civil rights or the improvement of social conditions for the poor. John Stennis would have none of it. Until 1982, when the new political climate even in the South finally got through to him during his last campaign for re-election, he voted solidly against each and every piece of civil rights legislation to come to the Senate floor.

Courteous and formal, the epitome of a Southern gentleman, Stennis was no wild-eyed reactionary. And, unlike many of his political persuasion, he possessed a sense of humour. "I used to think a man in his eighties was an old man," he said during a 1985 interview, "but I've changed my mind about that. I may make a career out of this thing yet. I'm thinking about it." At the time, Stennis had already served in the Senate for more than 38 years — longer than anyone else except Carl Hayden of Arizona. Deciding not to stand for re-election in 1988, he fell short of Hayden's record by nine months.

John Cornelius Stennis was born on a small farm in Mississippi, the youngest of seven children. He trained as a lawyer, served one term in his state's House of Representatives, and had been a circuit judge in Mississippi for ten years before, in 1947, a Senate vacancy occurred with the death of Theodore Bilbo, a notorious white supremacist. Unlike his Democratic opponents for the seat, Stennis studiously avoided any mention of the race issue during his campaign, thus gaining the support of liberals and the few blacks who could vote in Mississippi at that time, and winning the seat by a narrow margin.

Once in the Senate, he allowed his point of view on race relations to become clear. Though less outspoken than Bilbo, he was an equally strong supporter of segregation and states' rights. He had been there for less than a year when he was selected to lead a filibuster against a Bill to abolish the poll tax, and then helped to defeat a measure to ban segregation in public housing. He also opposed a Bill which would have doubled the number of European displaced persons to the United States to 200,000, and supported another which cut the building of public housing units, primarily intended for poor blacks, from 50,000 units a year to 5,000.

Stennis did, however, give his support to the Marshall Plan for the rebuilding of Europe after the Second World War, though hardly for altruistic reasons. He saw it as the best method of combating communism, and of rebuilding world markets for the United States export trade. By 1951 even this enthusiasm had faded, and he voted with the majority to cut economic aid to Europe by $250 million.

In his later years, Stennis was to say that he always supported the President, whichever party he came from. This was only partly true. Certainly, Presidents Kennedy and Johnson would have found the claim hard to believe. He was in steadfast opposition to the social measures embodied in their New Frontier and Great Society programmes, organising filibusters and voting against proposals to raise the minimum wage from $1 to $1.25 an hour, and to provide medical benefits for the elderly. And, despite the fact that Mississippi schools were among the poorest in the nation, he even opposed federal spending on education.

When, in 1967, a group of doctors testified that many Mississippians were suffering from malnutrition and approaching starvation, Stennis called the claim "a libel". Soon afterwards, however, he did introduce a Bill calling for $10 million in emergency aid for his state. Earlier, he had been a thorn in President Eisenhower's side as one of the authors of the "Southern Manifesto" which advocated resistance to the Supreme Court's 1954 decision on school desegregation.

In foreign and military affairs, where his influence increased greatly after his elevation to the chairmanship of the Senate Armed Services Committee in 1969, Stennis could be equally awkward. He was the architect of the War Powers Bill in 1971, limiting the ability of a President to commit American troops without a formal declaration of war, he attacked the role of the CIA in the overthrow and murder of President Allende of Chile and infuriated the military by limiting the number of generals and admirals in the US forces. These, however, were exceptions. In general, Stennis gave the Pentagon whatever it wanted and was a strong supporter of the CIA. Initially he had opposed American involvement in Vietnam, but stood firmly behind successive Presidents once it had taken place and favoured the use of massive air power.

Although John Stennis was constantly at odds with the liberal leadership of his party, he was widely respected among his Senate colleagues for his personal integrity. It was this that led him to be chosen to sit on the six-man committee set up in 1954 to consider the censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy for his red-baiting activities. Though Stennis himself was vehemently anti-communist, McCarthy's behaviour offended his sense of senatorial dignity, and he condemned it as "slush and slime." "Something big and fine will have gone from this chamber," he told his colleagues, if the Wisconsin Senator's conduct was condoned. The committee vote for censure was unanimous.

In October 1973, when Richard Nixon was struggling to keep the White House tapes out of the hands of Watergate investigators, he called on Stennis to screen them to make certain that national security secrets would not be divulged. Stennis agreed but only on condition that the Senate Watergate Committee chairmen, Sam Ervin and Howard Baker, supported the request. They refused, and he was spared involvement in the affair.

His wife of more than 50 years, Coy, died in 1983, and he is survived by a son and a daughter.

BETTY ASKWITH

Betty Askwith, biographer and novelist, died on April 10 aged 85. She was born on June 26, 1909.

BETTY ASKWITH published poems, novels and finally biographies in a writing career which lasted some fifty years. *The Tangled Web* (1960), based on the Crawford divorce case of 1886, was her best-known work and in 1969 she returned to the subject with her biography of Lady Dilke. Although she never attained real literary celebrity, her life was full of interest, warm friendship and solid achievement.

Betty Ellen Askwith was the daughter of the first Lord Askwith, who had established a reputation as an arbitrator in trade disputes as Chief Industrial Commissioner in the years before the First World War. Her mother was a descendant of Sir Robert Peel. She was the only child of her parents' marriage though there were two older stepbrothers.

Her parents entertained a great deal when she was young and her childhood memories were of passionate reading punctuated by jolly luncheon parties where she learnt, precociously, to hold her own in the adult conversation. She was sent to the Lycée Français but not to university, something she used later to lament.

Her first book of poems was published when she was only 19, and she listed her hobby in *Who's Who* as "reading Victorian novels", so her regrets seemed to have been largely unfounded. They were, however, typical of her modest approach to her own abilities and of her slightly anguished attitude, even in old age, to her past. She felt, at various stages in her life, that she had burnt herself out too early, whereas in fact her life, professionally and personally, was one of those that move through several distinct and equally valuable phases.

As a young woman she was a great friend of Theodora Benson, with whom she wrote a Mitfordish novel, *Lobster Quadrille* (1930), and travelled, unaccompanied, through the Balkans — the basis for Benson's book *The Unambitious Journey*. This journey was taken at a time when most girls of their background got no further than Nice or Biarritz. Their friendship was fostered by that feminist independence characteristic of the 1930s, bred out of the rejection of Victorian values and the scarcity of young men after the First World War.

At one time Betty, Theodora and a childhood friend, Muriel Watson, made a pact that they would never marry. But Betty's life went on to take a different turn; she worked in the Ministry of Information during the Second World War, suffered a broken engagement and other private griefs, and finally, in 1950, married, and re-created in London and at Aldeburgh the kind of comfortable, hospitable home she had known in childhood. Her husband, Keith Miller Jones, was a solicitor with a great interest in music.

He had earlier been engaged to the novelist Rosamond Lehmann. "Wasn't it lucky for me," Betty would say, "that Rosamond changed her mind?" One might say that it was equally lucky for her husband since Rosamond, in spite of her many qualities, did not have Betty's ability to make those around her happy. The only regret in this marriage was that it turned out to be too late for Betty to have a child. However, she was much loved by nephews and nieces of varying degrees.

In the novels she published at intervals through the postwar years Betty Askwith explored in oblique and imaginative ways past periods of her own life. In *A Step Out Of Time* (1966) she used the device of a ghostly time-slip to examine the real qualities and limitations of the 19th century — a period that was then just coming back into fashionable focus — and by the 1970s her lifelong absorption in this era had drawn her to more formal studies. *Two Victorian Families*, an account of the Stracheys and the Bensons, was published in 1971, followed by *The Lytteltons* (1975), *A Victorian Young Lady* (1978) and *Piety and Wit*, a study of Lady Granville (1982). *A Victorian Young Lady* was based on her own family papers, as was her last published work, *A Crimean Courtship* (1986), about her grandmother Ellen Palmer who went to the Crimea to look after her brother in case he was wounded. (He was not.)

In a lecture Betty Askwith gave at the Royal Society of Literature in 1984 on Victorian women novelists, her final words might stand as an epitaph on her own life. "We who write today and whose work may be totally forgotten in a hundred years' time should not be discouraged," she said. "Some of us will live and the rest will have made a contribution. We have been part of the *Zeitgeist*, and unless there is a firm foundation of literate writing, a pool of ideas into which to dip, those few, those very few who are going to scale the heights would never have been able to start."

Her husband died in 1978.

ON THIS DAY

April 25 1932

The new theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon replaced one destroyed by fire in 1926. In addition to a large crowd, more than 70 ambassadors, high commissioners, and representatives of dominions and foreign countries attended the ceremony.

NEW SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

An April sun shone on the new page in the history of Shakespeare that was turned when the great new theatre dedicated to his memory was opened by the Prince of Wales yesterday afternoon. Most of those who had the leisure to examine Miss Scott's building before the ceremony appeared to be of the opinion that it was more impressive, even more friendly, than photographs had led them to expect.

During the morning there began to assemble in Stratford the diplomatic representatives of over 30 countries. Many other distinguished visitors took part in what would ordinarily have been the chief event of the day—the procession from the place of Shakespeare's birth to the church in the chancel of which his bones were laid. Though this rite will soon be quite ancient, it keeps its pleasant air of spontaneity. Anyone who wishes may join the procession, and most of those who do avoid formal tributes, bringing instead bunches of the flowers that might be gathered from gardens haphazard at this time of the year, daffodils, primroses, tulips.

The celebration proper may be said to have begun as early as 6 a.m. At that hour the bells of Holy Trinity Church were rung, and very early in the morning ladies in Elizabethan costume were already selling sprigs of rosemary in the streets. The commemoration luncheon took place in large tents erected in the garden of New Place. Sir Archibald Flower, who is once more the Mayor of Stratford, presided over a gathering given an international character by the presence of so many diplomatic representatives. The company included statesmen, men of letters and actors. The immortal memory was proposed by Sir Frank Benson, and "The Representatives of All Nations" by Mr. Baldwin, who was himself representing the British Government. The speeches were relayed to the Bancroft Gardens. A great crowd had assembled there, overflowing on to the bridges and, it might almost be said, on to the river itself, for the Avon was crowded with launches, punts and boats.

It was not long after the speeches had ended that the monoplane bringing the Prince of Wales from Windsor was sighted over the river. The machine turned away with a swift swallow-like grace to the landing place across the fields, and in a little while the sound of cheering announced to the crowd that the prince had arrived. At the same time the flags of all the nations were broken from the peaks of their tall white masts with a charming effect. Returning to the dais, the Prince spoke of Shakespeare, his art, and the new theatre, and then, escorted by Miss Scott, he walked to the main door of the theatre, opened it with a golden key and passed inside. The Prince took his place in the Royal Box at the back of the dress circle, and the curtain depicting the Stratford of Shakespeare's day rose upon a drop curtain of beautifully blended colours. Through this curtain stepped Miss Lillian McCarthy, a brilliant figure in green and velvet grey to declaim the Poet Laureate's ode.

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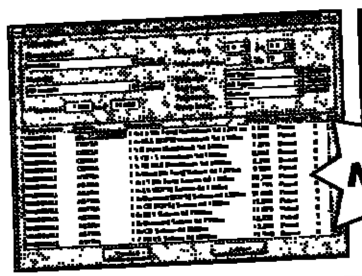

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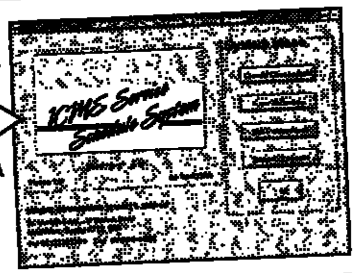

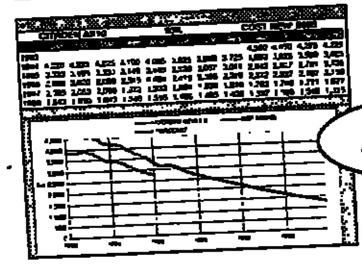

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New car sales to company fleets account for about 75 per cent of the market, **Kevin Eason** reports

Sales are on the up and up

If there is a sign that the economy is reviving, it is in the serried ranks of gleaming metal that line the car-parks of Britain's companies. Nearly half of all new cars registered in the UK in the first quarter of the year were destined for the company car-park.

According to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, total industry sales to the end of March reached 525,364, a slight fall of almost 0.8 per cent and hardly encouraging for a Government searching for any shred of good news. However, while sales to private customers dipped 7.2 per cent in March, sales to company fleets were up 3.2 per cent.

The share of company sales in the monthly returns has been creeping up for years, from just more than 22 per cent a decade ago to 47.6 per cent so far in 1995. But that is not the whole story, for the motor industry only defines company car registrations as sales to firms with a fleet of 25 cars or more, so thousands of doctors, lawyers and self-employed people might pay for their cars with a company cheque but are never counted in the official figures.

Motor industry executives calculate that the true share of new car sales accounted for by companies could be much nearer to 75 per cent, which makes the health of fleets vital to the success of the British motor industry. Companies which refused to renew their fleets during the recession are now buying again, sometimes because they have cars which are now badly in need of replacement.

Colin Grant-Wilson, managing director of Lease Plan, which manages 40,000 cars in Britain and 300,000 across Europe, says: "The growth in buying is consistent with the upturn in the economy which many companies are feeling. There are many companies, particularly in the high-tech sector, which are growing rapidly and have been investing a lot in recent months."

But there are also changes in the way companies get cars for their staff, with many preferring now to have someone else handle the purchase and maintenance. According to Mr Grant-Wilson: "We will see an acceleration in areas such as leasing because the recession also taught many companies to think hard about reorganising their fleets."

PETER TRIEVNOR

Colin Grant-Wilson, MD of Lease Plan, sees an upturn in his sales and the economy

What has confounded many in the industry is the strength of fleet business. Successive Chancellors raised the threshold of taxation on the personal benefit of owning a company car to the point where the motor industry was panicked into believing that there would be a collapse in sales.

But it never came. Though taxes are higher, the benefits of not having to buy and maintain a car still far outweigh the cost of paying into the Inland Revenue. Even the offer of extra pay to staff who use their own car at work has not proved to be an inducement that attracts many. A survey of 250 fleet managers for Ford showed that only 30 per cent of employers offered the cash alternative, while seven in ten said they had not seen any increase in staff wanting to hand in the keys to their company vehicles.

Ian Wardle, manager of Ford Contract Motoring, says: "The penalties for access to a company car have never been higher but this does not seem to have had any significant effect. Whatever reasons employees may have for wanting one, there is no doubt that the company car is a very, very popular benefit of employment."

If employees did take the money, they would probably buy second-hand rather than invest in a new car. Ambitious fleets renewing and expanding buy new, a factor which has kept the British motor industry busy. Another important benefit of rising fleet sales is that new cars feature the latest security, safety and environmental features. So long as companies order cars, models are coming onto the roads and then into second-hand showrooms more quickly. Without the driving force of fleet sales, new equipment might have taken years to appear in large quantities.

More than 34 per cent of Ford's fleet customers have taken new security measures in the past year, three in ten fleet managers stress the importance of anti-lock brakes; while another 45 per cent singled out airbags as an important contributor to safety. However, some companies are deterred from ordering cars with the latest safety and security equipment because the extra equipment means higher prices which then hit the "benefit-in-kind" taxation level for employees.

Ford is calling on the Government to give fleets a payback after years of taking increasing amounts of money from company motorists, by offering tax breaks on safety features to accelerate their introduction.

Is contract hire the ideal solution?

Fleet managers are already worried about how the growing trend towards outsourcing, the external management of company fleets, will affect their job security. As they gather at this week's Fleet Show, their worries will scarcely be eased by research concluding that only 10 per cent of fleet managers are "good" at their job.

The 1995 Hertz Leasing report on changing trends in fleet management, entitled *Outsourcing — Fleet Future or Fleet Finale*, reports: "The transient nature of the fleet manager, together with the prevalence of 'on-the-job' training to the exclusion of professional training, is reflected in the number of good fleet managers that add value to the fleet function."

Roger Deas, the national finance director at Coopers & Lybrand, estimates that as few as 10 per cent of all personnel working as fleet managers add value. Now more and more companies are ridding themselves of in-house fleet management and handing over the job to outside experts.

The main problem for many in-house fleet managers is that their work involves everything from accountancy and personnel skills to tax expertise. Many companies are finding it simpler these days to use outside contractors. Hertz Leasing reports that contract hire now accounts for 39.34 per cent of cars in fleets, with 37.83 per cent of cars owned outright.

Stephen Barrett, general manager of Hertz Leasing, said: "Contract hire offers an ideal solution. We believe it will further penetrate the fleet market as more and more companies decide to concentrate their limited resources on core competencies."

Fleet managers need to take a more positive attitude towards outsourcing

The investment group 3i has reported that according to 80 per cent of firms surveyed, the freeing of management time is the main positive result of outsourcing, followed by reduced staff costs, increased flexibility, more certainty over future fleet costs and fewer staff management problems.

The main complaints about outsourcing concern quality. So one option is to maintain a quality-control link between the outsourced management organisation and the company, perhaps by drawing on the existing fleet manager's expertise.

Mr Barrett says: "While only 10 per cent do a good job, most do a satisfactory one. The message for fleet managers is that they have got to make sure that they are in that 10 per cent, and that they should not shy away from adopting a policy of outsourcing.

"They have the opportunity to rise above being mired down in the day-to-day running of the fleet, to become professional managers and to take a longer, policy view. Outsourcing should be seen by them as a powerful tool, while they work as a quality-control check on the outsourced fleet."

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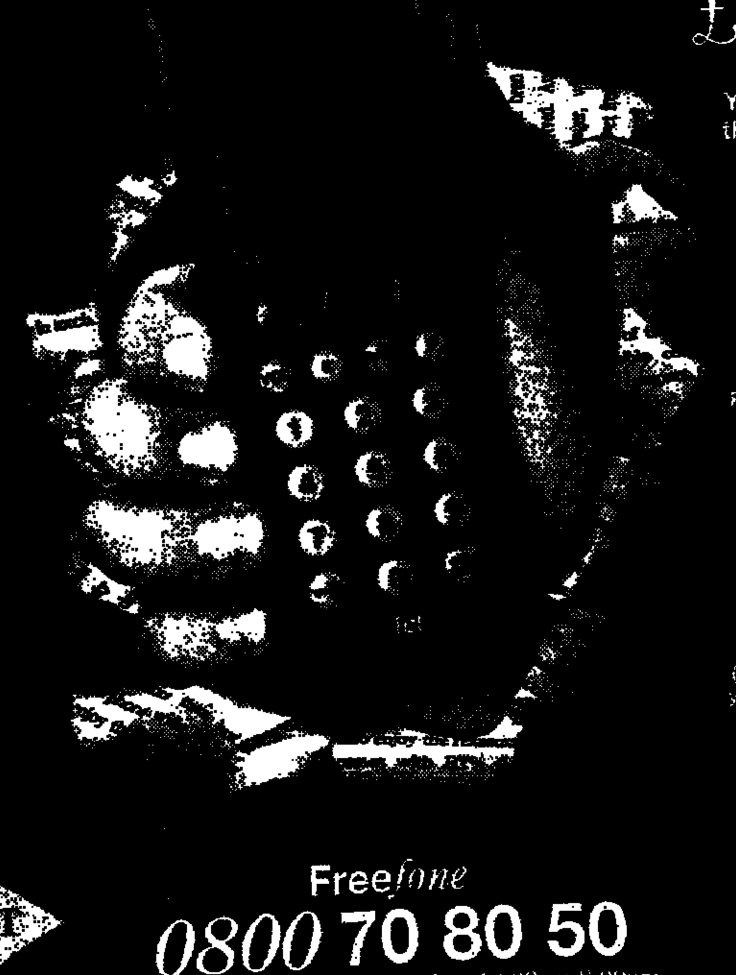

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Eight out of ten accidents last year involved people at the wheel of a company vehicle. **Tony Dawe** examines efforts by fleet managers to reduce dents

How safe is a company car driver?

The accident record of company car drivers is so bad that some fleet managers have started to believe that staff, unencumbered by insurance and repair costs, vie with each other to collect the most dents.

Even when presented with brand-new cars, drivers are still capable of going too fast for their own and the cars' good.

The cost of repairs and insurance has become so great that fleet owners and managers are now taking determined steps to change the trend which meant that eight out of ten company car drivers had an accident last year.

Masterdrive, a Berkshire contract hire and leasing company, has launched a guide to "safer driving" and run a "driving for life" workshop. James Pritchard, an independent consultant, is using management training techniques to teach company car drivers to accept that other motorists do have a place on the road.

A Kent firm has introduced a company car refinement of the "spy in the cab" familiar to lorry drivers and intended to log the number of hours the car has been driven and the top speed reached. Some despairing fleet managers have even started imposing fines and other penalties on drivers involved in regular accidents.

"Safe driving used to take the back seat in company priorities but attitudes are changing," Tony Elliott, Masterdrive's sales and marketing director, said. "In one of our recent surveys, nearly half those who responded felt that employees provided with a company car should go through some form of defensive driver training on joining the company."

The firm's guide and workshop go some way to achieving this. The safer driving factsheet, endorsed by the RAC, covers both the control and the condition of the vehicle and deals with aspects such as anticipation, vehicle positioning and common road problems.

The workshop, taken by Dr Pritchard, was designed to encourage company car owners to drive safely under pressure. "The company car driver works in a tough environment in which demands on his or her time and the pressure of the job can affect driving technique," he said.

"It is important, therefore, to see business and safety in perspective. Understanding how we react to the different stresses in our lives and learning to manage stress is as essential a driving skill as knowing how to negotiate a roundabout."

Dr Pritchard, a management consultant by profession, is now advising several leading companies on driver techniques and urging them to adopt a "zero accident culture" which rejects the often-held view that a proportion of road accidents are "unavoidable".

"A high-quality organisation will support and encourage drivers to take responsibility for their own safety," he said. "Drivers plan their journeys better and are prepared to take a break if necessary."

His programme also involves applying team development skills to resolve conflicts on the road. "What tends to get in the way of people driving well are their beliefs and values. They get unnecessarily wound-up and need to be taught civility to other road-users."

The DriveRight device, marketed by CCS International of Hythe, Kent, may not teach company car drivers that quality, but it will teach them to be civil to their fleet managers, who will be able to monitor some aspects of their performance on the road by analysing information from the device.

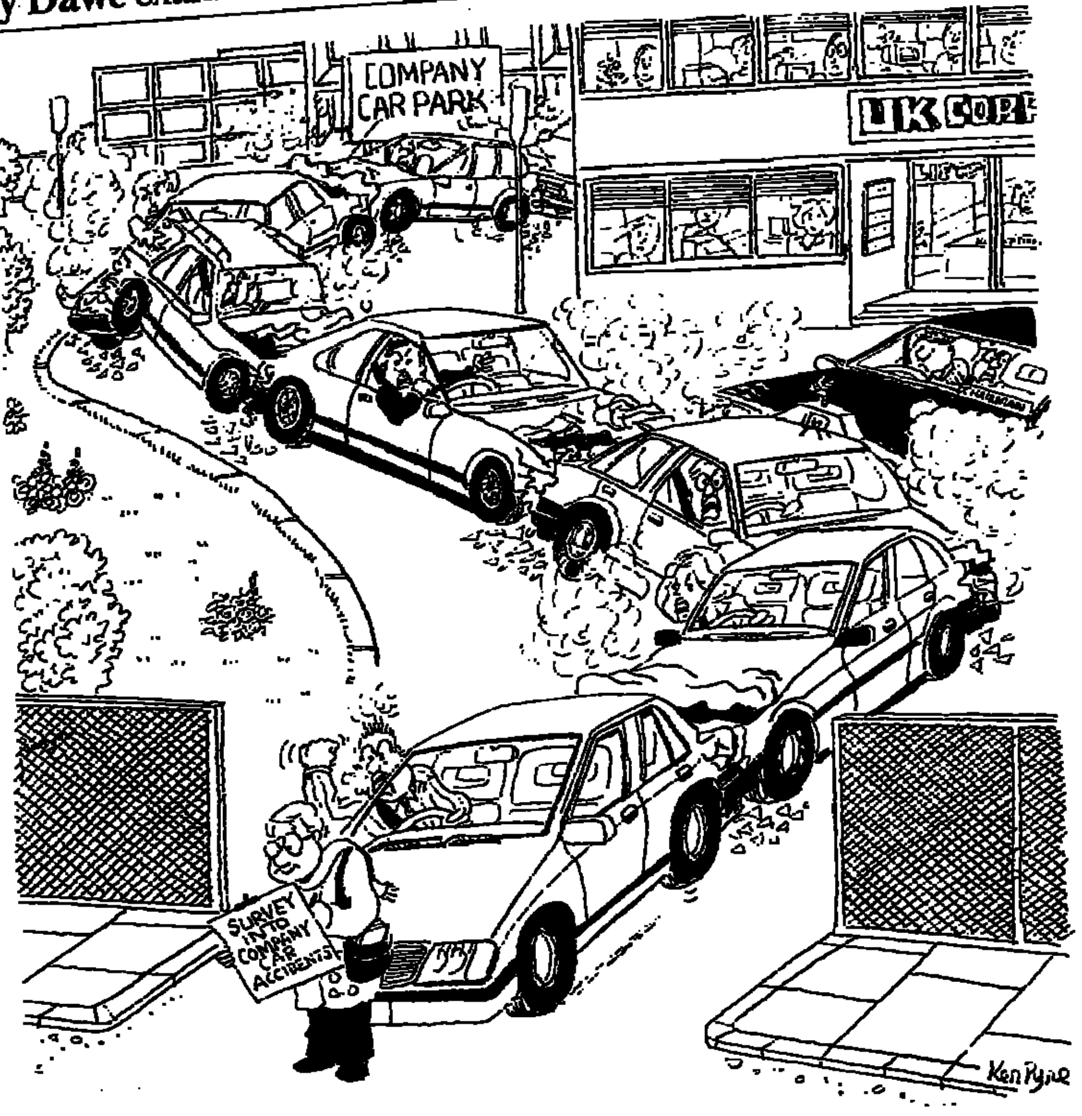
It keeps an accurate record of journey start and finish times, distance travelled and maximum speed reached. It also indicates how badly the vehicle may have been driven, recording the maximum acceleration and deceleration rates of a user who is as heavy on the throttle as he is on the brakes.

Some managers might even use the information to fine guilty drivers: this is becoming a new trend among fleet operators, according to Derick Perkins, director of maintenance control at Fleet Management Services. "We know of several fleets where fines have been introduced for drivers on to their second or third own-fault accident," he said.

"Many companies have turned to third-party insurance cover only, which has meant that accident costs have hit home more quickly and prompted faster action."

Fleet's annual safety survey found that eight out of ten company car drivers had an accident last year and that most crashes were caused by carelessness. Nearly one in five involved a company driver ploughing into the back of another vehicle, while one in six company cars were damaged by somebody driving into the back of them. Another one in six occurred while the driver was reversing.

Fleet, based in Shrewsbury, runs 14,000 company cars on behalf of clients and 80 per cent of those on insurance claims schemes had an accident of some description last year. Though similar to 1991 and 1992 figures, the number did represent a marked drop compared with 1993, encouraging Mr Perkins to comment: "Company car drivers are definitely becoming safer as more fleet managers crack down on own-fault damage."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Top notch: Audi have launched a new range of diesels

More than a workhorse

From a low base, diesel cars now account for a quarter of the market

Capable of more miles to the gallon, they are claimed to be more reliable and longer-lasting, and modern models carry all the luxuries of their petrol-engined rivals. *Vaughan Freemantle writes.* So, why is it that diesel company cars have not made further advances into the fleet market?

True, diesel sales have boomed, but from a miserably low base a decade ago when only about 1 per cent of new cars sold were diesel-engined. The recent rises in sales have been dramatic in the fleet sector, according to research by Peugeot, which reports that in 1991, diesel-engined company car sales totalled 46,000 and accounted for 7.4 per cent of all fleet car sales.

In 1992 the numbers rose to 82,000 and 12 per cent, to [illegible] and 19 per cent in 1993, and last year 216,000 diesel cars were sold to fleets, accounting for 25.4 per cent of total fleet sales.

David Brookman, the Peugeot Fleet and Leasing Director, said: "Companies are rapidly recognising the savings which can be made by switching to diesel fleets.

"A fleet of 100 diesel cars can save nearly £20,000 a year in fuel costs alone. Added to this are the long-term savings made from the higher residual values of diesels." Even so, says Ford, diesel cars have yet to seize "a major share of the fleet-car market". A survey commissioned by Ford Contract Motoring shows that even today 14 per cent of fleets have no diesel cars in them, and 32 per cent have only one diesel car out of ten. Less than a quarter of fleets run 25 per cent diesels and only 3 per cent of British companies run all-diesel fleets.

Among firms with no diesels on their fleets, 75 per cent said they had no plans to take any on, blaming the poor image of diesel among their drivers (cited by 35 per cent of managers), administrative costs to change (12 per cent) and the diesel purchase price premium over petrol-engined equivalent models (12 per cent).

For those fleets that do plan to expand their diesel fleets (27 per cent) and for the 9 per cent of fleets now using diesels and planning to change their entire fleets over to diesel, what are the latest products to choose from? Rover hopes that its new turbo diesel 600 will have just the right impact on the market.

The 2.0-litre car uses Bosch two-stage fuel injection to give petrol-like driveability. It has 12,000-mile service intervals and a 115mph top speed with fuel consumption of about 48mpg in town. Prices for the SDi and SLi range from £16,295 to £17,995.

Britain's bestselling diesel, the Mondeo, comes in TD GLX form in this contested mid-sector, and at £14,480 the TD GLX is considerably cheaper than the Rover. The 1.8-litre turbo diesel engine is not quite as powerful as the Rover or other rivals such as the Xantia and Passat.

Major plus factors for the Mondeo are the award-winning shape, interior comfort, and excellent handling. Citreon's 1.9-litre Xantia TD SX comes in at £14,840, and like the Mondeo, proves diesel cars can look great, and offer response and performance. An excellent and comfortable long-term motorway cruiser, with in excess of 500 miles between fill-ups. Though the driver seating position is not as variable as that of the Mondeo, the adjustable suspension, which allows different height levels for ease of loading, is a plus.

Firms are recognising the savings to be gained

VW offer the Passat GL TDi. Priced on a par with the Rover 600 at £17,000, the Passat has had a facelift to make it look more modern, and a new 1.9-litre turbo diesel engine gives phenomenal fuel consumption figures of around 50mpg touring, which means refuelling stops only every 700 miles or so thanks to the 15-gallon tank.

Vauxhall will revamp its Cavalier this year. The 1.7-litre Cavalier CDX TD, at £16,325, comes with CD player and air conditioning as standard, to kill the myth that diesel cars are unrefined workhorses which put mpg before creature comfort. The 1.7-litre engine gives a performance that lags behind the rivals, but the 46mpg Cavalier is strong on carrying capacity.

At the top end of the sector, Audi has launched a triple attack on drivers who fancy a prestige diesel car with a new line-up of A6 cars, starting with the entry level £19,200 90bhp 1.9-litre TDi, the £21,000 115bhp 2.5-litre TDi, and 140bhp 2.5-litre TDi

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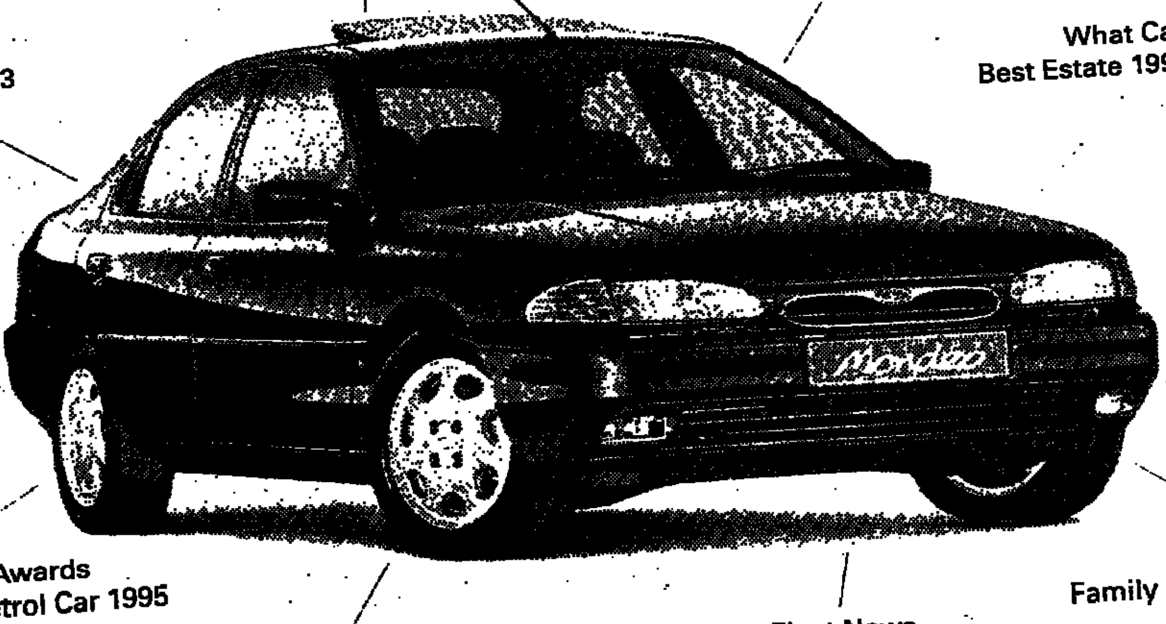

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Germans hit the marque

Chief executives are not spending more on cars, but they are turning to Mercedes-Benz and BMWs, **Vaughan Freeman** says

Those company car driving executives able to select the best of the cars on offer are opting not for a Made In Britain label but are flying the German flag.

For all the acclaim heaped on the new Jaguar XJ6 series of saloons, executives are just as likely to be seen behind the wheel of a Bavarian BMW, or a Mercedes-Benz built in Stuttgart.

Research among its 65,000 blue-chip clients by Cowie Interleasing, the UK's largest company car leasing operator, shows that more than half of the country's company parking places which carry a Reserved For Chief Executive notice are now filled by German-built cars. Neil Pykett, the managing director of Cowie Interleasing, said: "While on average chief executives are not allocating themselves substantially more expensive cars, they are still choosing the prestigious brands and are showing even greater interest in Mercedes and BMW.

"In 1994, the German manufacturers, with their image of 'ruthless efficiency', won the hearts and minds of 54 per cent of Britain's bosses, compared with 41 per cent in 1992. In 1994 the "British" Jaguar and Rover marques took 36 per cent, compared with 43 per cent in 1992 — and it could be argued that since BMW now owns Rover the German influence in this sector is actually 62 per cent." The trend towards German-built cars over the past three years has seen Jaguar's traditional role as favourite car of the chief executive come under concerted attack from arch-rival Mercedes-Benz. While in 1992 almost a third (29 per cent) of chief executives drove a Jaguar and 15 per cent were seen behind the three-pronged Mercedes symbol, latest figues show Jaguar and Mercedes can each lay claim to the loyalty of 28 per cent of chief executives.

In this sector, the perceived prestige that a marque's badge exudes is far more important than the user's need for the car simply to be able to convey him from A to B reliably and in comfort. Even the most ardent Mercedes or BMW enthusiast might be hard-pushed to justify the £30,000 price difference between the modestly priced £26,000 Ford Scorpio, and the average £60,000 price tag for the Mercedes S-Class, or £50,000 BMW 7 Series, if the only need was for the car as a mode of transport.

It is this hard-to-define quality, of prestige, or luxury, of acknowledged marque history, that is so crucial in this sector. It is also the element that perhaps explains why the £44,474 Lexus LS400 still claims only 3 per cent of chief executive sales despite offering what many would see as easily the best value-for-money package: exceptional refinement, quietness and smoothness of ride, a four- litre V8 engine, more space inside than the XJ6 and stronger resale values than the BMW. The Lexus also comes fully loaded with luxury equipment as standard.

Riding the four-wheel drive wave, Mitsubishi claims 2 per cent of top executive drivers for its £19,000 to £35,000 Shogun range. Here, prestige value is added to by the "car as fashion statement" appeal. The Shogun is a superbly capable off-roader, with engines ranging from a 2.5 litre turbo diesel to 3.5 litre petrol V6. As well as making an individualist statement in the company car park, it is also ideal for the CEO when he heads off loaded with kit for the boating or skiing holiday.

But the bulk of sales are taken by three makes. Jaguar's new XJ6 has already been voted the most beautiful new saloon in Europe, and sales this year worldwide are likely to hit 40,000. Priced from £29,000 to £45,000 for the six-cylinder, and up to £60,000 for the Daimler Double Six 12-cylinder car, the classic Englishman's automobile is back and better than ever.

Competition is stiff, however. Many would regard the S Class, priced from £39,000 up to £95,000 for the six-litre, S600 limousine, as the best car in the world. Build quality is exceptional, and so is size, at 17ft and weighing up to two tons. Despite the dimensions, the S Class handling, response and performance, especially from the bigger-engined models, is outstanding.

From BMW the flag is carried by two ranges. There is the 5 Series range, priced from £18,000 to £52,000, and offering engines all the way from 1.8 petrol up to four-litre V8 petrol, as well as one of the most refined and smoothest diesel units available anywhere in the world. A step above comes the 7 Series, priced from £40,000 to £70,000, and with long wheelbase versions for extra leg-room.

Despite the prices, the signs are that very senior managers are commanding bigger, better, and more expensive cars in greater numbers as part of their benefits packages.

Cowie Interleasing reports that the number of cars classified as executive models (ie, those priced at more than £24,000), on its fleet has increased overall by 100 per cent over the past two years. This year the return of some confidence in the economy indicates that this trend will continue.

The XJ6 just off the production line from Jaguar has been voted the most beautiful new saloon in Europe. Sales this year throughout the world for the British car are expected to reach 40,000

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Many staff prefer more expensive vehicles than companies provide

Increased taxation is no barrier when executives decide that the company car should reflect their status — or the status they feel they should have. Just a year on from the introduction of company-car tax based on vehicle list price, Avis Fleet Services has found that many drivers, given a choice, are choosing dearer vehicles.

One example among its customers is Whitbread, the brewers, which offers about 2,000 of its 2,200 company car drivers the opportunity to take a bigger or smaller car under its "user-chooser" scheme.

It found that four out of every ten drivers opted for a more expensive car than the one allocated by the company.

Nigel Trotman, central services manager at Whitbread, believes the trend will last. He said: "There has been a definite trend in staff trading up to the 'aspirational' marques such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz. We always had a large BMW content but now a whole new group of staff can choose BMW or one of its rivals and are doing so." PHH Vehicle Management Services has also noted a shift to luxury cars.

Tony Berry, client services director, said: "During the recession, company car policies were on tight budgets. In most cases, company car drivers got what they were given. Job shortages eroded candidates' bargaining power."

In 1992, luxury cars accounted for 22 per cent of all cars bought by PHH on behalf of its clients. By late 1993, the figure had dropped to only 14 per cent.

Mr Berry says driver choice is now back on the agenda. PHH sees an increase in the number of costlier European cars and of four-wheel drive cars that it buys for top British companies. Drivers are also demanding good security systems, such as the Securicor TrakBak system, which can help police to trace the movements of a stolen car without allowing the thief to be aware of what's happening.

Demand for BMWs and similar makes has pushed back up to about 17 per cent of total purchases. Mr Berry says that as the recovery strengthens, car choice is creeping back on to the agenda, particularly in the information technology industry, where the predicted skills shortage is already showing.

Masterdrive confidently forecast a year ago that executives would not trade down. Bob Rider, managing director, said then: "I would be stunned to see managing directors trading in their company Jaguars for modest Metros. How many people in senior management would downgrade their cars to save themselves £25 a month?"

That view has been vindicated, with Masterdrive reporting that companies are still buying as many top-of-the-range cars as ever. Tony Elliott, sales and marketing director, said: "There is still a high perceived value in a company car. It would still cost more to buy the car yourself. Some company car users did look at smaller models but most have come back to driving similar cars to the ones they had before."

At the top of the range, executives have been wary of trading down for fear they give the impression that their company is in financial trouble. Instead, they have kept their existing car for an extra year, especially if they have been making staff redundant. A new BMW at the top has often been considered insensitive when people at the bottom of the firm are losing their jobs.

> ' Drivers demand security systems '

Mr Elliott admits to moments of doubt over the past 17 months. A number of larger clients with user-chooser programmes offered cash in place of cars, an option that threatened to remove a large slab of business for the fleet car leasing companies generally. In the event, Mr Elliott says, fewer than 5 per cent of drivers took the cash option.

Another worry was the slump in the financial sector, where companies took the opportunity to cut back on the provision of company cars.

Mr Elliott said: "In many ways, we in the City have come full circle. American-owned companies have always been against the company car because it doesn't happen in America and some made their staff take cash instead.

"Now they are bringing back the company car because they are losing people."

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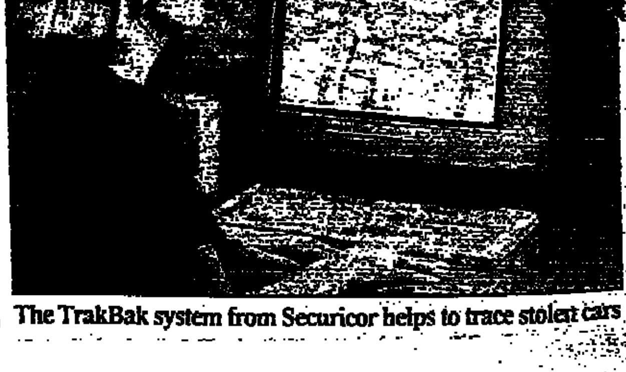

The TrakBak system from Securicor helps to trace stolen cars

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All in a flurry over VAT concession

Rodney Hobson reports on the background to the Finance Bill going through Parliament which may lure fleets into contract hiring

Pete McAree, national sales manager of Fleet Management Services: Fleet managers are ordering new cars

Car fleet operators are already switching to contract hire, lured by the prospect of saving VAT on the price of new vehicles. Yet the tax concession, announced in the Budget last November, is not even law yet and will in any case not be available until August. The concession made by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in the Finance Bill was to allow the refunding of VAT on the purchase price of cars bought by leasing companies. VAT is refundable where cars are used wholly for business purposes and the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association has fought a long battle for changes in the regulations.

Previously, VAT could be reclaimed only on cars rented to businesses on a daily basis. Under the new rules, where the car is bought by a leasing company and rented to a client company, that is deemed to be a business deal. Where a company buys cars direct and allocates them to staff the vehicles are deemed to be used partly for pleasure and the VAT concession will not apply.

Fleet Management Services (FMS), based at Shrewsbury, reports a 62 per cent increase in deliveries of contract hire cars in the first quarter of this year and a surge in inquiries from fleet operators who presently buy vehicles outright but who want to know the potential costs and savings in switching to contract hire.

Pete McAree, national sales manager at FMS, said: "The new VAT rules mean that the rental cost of contract hire vehicles will be reduced but the savings could be offset by two factors. First, car manufacturers are likely to try to raise prices substantially in August. Every year that we have been in business — and that is 40 years — manufacturers have raised prices in August. Second, there is likely to be an increase in interest rates by then. Some companies with car hire contracts expiring in the first part of this year have extended those contracts to August, continuing to pay the same rental in the hope that they can benefit from a reduction in charges. They may well not get that benefit. Many of our clients are saying they are not going to bother waiting. Now they are ordering new cars." Andrew Yuille, the marketing director for Hertz Leasing, confirms the upturn in interest in contract hire which he says began towards the end of last year. Some companies that moved from leasing to buying their own fleets direct from the manufacturers are coming back.

He believes that fleet management sector is divided on whether it is worth hanging on to existing cars until August. "We borrow on term loans and they are already reflecting the expected base-rate increase. Rates are 8½ to 9 per cent on the three-year market, so an increase in base rate should not have much effect," he adds. If you can wait until August, it is probably worth doing so, particularly with bigger cars. However, most businesses have to get on with running the fleet and if a car packs up it has to be replaced. The nearer we get to August the more worthwhile it will be to hold on."

Some clients will, in any case, have difficulty in hanging on to existing fleets until August. Many car users postponed replacing cars during the recession and much-used cars were changed after three rather than two years. Other parts of the fleet had their life-cycles extended from three to four years. Cars now due for renewal are therefore already a year older.

Mr McAree says: "Companies will not go back to changing their cars more frequently. They have discovered that cars last longer than they used to do. A standard car that once lasted 65,000 miles will now do 100,000 miles over four years."

Some fleet managers have suggested that a glut of new cars bought in August will undermine residual values in three years time when many of these vehicles will be traded in for new models. Car hirers take residual values into account in calculating charges.

Mr McAree dismisses this fear, saying that a greater problem is likely to be obtaining sufficient numbers of cars this August. "A few years ago, most carmakers had fields full of vehicles, but now they build vehicles much more to order," he says. Demand already peaks in August when the registration letter changes. If people wait for the VAT change, it will magnify the hump of orders. The manufacturers go on holiday for three weeks in July so fleet managers could even find themselves waiting until early October for deliveries."

The Bill is still going through Parliament and the proposed regulations could still be changed but leasing companies are planning on the basis that present proposals will become law.

When you need a car quickly

PROVIDING back-up services to the fleet management companies — stepping in with replacement cars as they are needed — has been a fast-growing business, *Rodney Hobson writes.*

From a standing start in 1989, Avis has developed its replacement business into a £20 million annual earner, making it one of the top two operators in the niche market.

It latest coup has been to win an £8.25 million contract to supply replacement and pre-contract vehicles to Dial Contracts, a fleet-management and contract-hire specialist. The three-year contract is one of the biggest replacement contracts to be signed.

Avis estimates that it could provide up to 24,000 rentals a year for Dial. Avis already supplies replacement and rental vehicles to PHH, Lex Vehicle Leasing and Avis Fleet Services, once part of the Avis group but now a separate entity.

Replacement vehicles provide additional fleet capacity at short notice at a lower cost than if the fleet operator had cars standing idle just in case they were needed.

The replacements meet a range of contingencies, such as accidents, breakdowns and thefts. Cars can be supplied to new or temporary staff and to employees waiting for delivery of contract hire or leased vehicles.

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A way through the maze

Fleet dealers have much more to consider than merely the best buy

Picking the best fleet buy means entering a financial maze that terrifyingly mixes all the most nerve-racking elements of economic forecasting, used car buying and the wonderful world of the futures markets.

What makes a fleet vehicle cheaper to buy or rent, to run, service and maintain, and which car at the end of its three-year, 60,000-mile working life offers the best hope of getting a good resale value is a fiendish equation.

A best buy is not found by choosing *the* car with the lowest price and lowest fuel consumption. To find a best buy, all elements of a vehicle's costs during the lifetime of the car while it is on the user's fleet, must be considered.

One of the most respected reference works on total operating costs is Leasecontract's *Company Car Cost Calculator*, now in its ninth year. The *Calculator* takes into account a car's price new, running costs and annual rental. The guide shows that fleet managers could find their businesses paying £342 a year more to run a Peugeot 106 XN than if they had opted instead to run the rival VW Polo 1.3. A Ford Escort 1.4 LX will cost £402 a year more to operate than a Vauxhall Astra LS 1.4i, while a Rover 416 will cost £636 more a year to run than a Toyota Carina E.

'Cars are becoming more reliable'

Leasecontract estimates that a Vauxhall Omega Elite will cost £1,723 a year more to run than a Mercedes-Benz E220, and a Range Rover HSE 4.6 £3,000 a year more than a Lexus S400.

It is relatively easy to work out how much a car might cost annually for servicing and repairs, and to calculate how much it will cost on fuel. It is harder to gauge what the economic climate will be in three years' time, and what the used car market in particular will be like, and as a result of that calculation to try to decide how much a specific model might be worth. If the calculation goes seriously awry, those buying, renting or leasing out company cars stand to lose money in a big way.

Which is why the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association (BVRLA) produces a quarterly residual value analysis for the industry. The analysis takes into account forecasts on used car values by 30 leading operators in the leasing and rental industry, as well as forecasts by firms such as CAP Motor Research.

What the leasing customer pays to rent the vehicle depends on the difference between the cost of the vehicle new and its forecast residual value. If the car is forecast to have a high residual value, the rental charges will be lower — but the leasing firm might come badly unstuck if, when the car it is returned to be sold, it fails to fetch that higher value. A car with a low residual value will almost certainly fetch that low value when resold.

Colin McLean, Highway Vehicle Leasing's managing director and the BVRLA leasing committee chairman, says: "Residuals are the single most important element in my business. If you get your residual forecasts wrong either way, it is going to cost you dearly. The average contract is written on a car for three years and 60,000 miles, so in judging a residual you are actually trying to work out what will be happening in the British economy in three years' time.

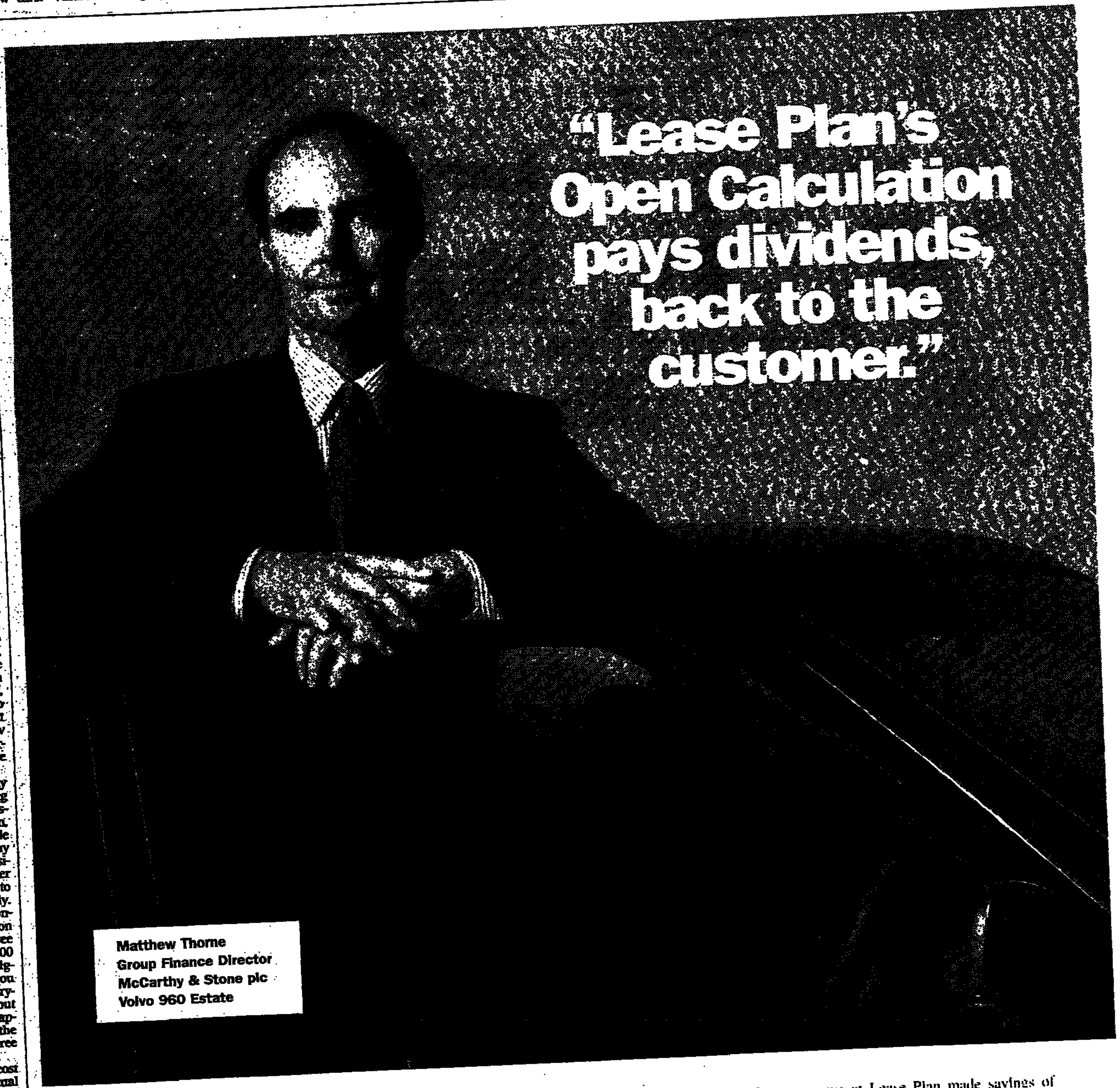
"But a relatively high-cost vehicle with a high residual might actually cost less to run than a car with a low front-end cost which, as a used vehicle, will fetch a lower price. You simply cannot go only on the cost of running the vehicle on a day-to-day business."

In terms of priorities, far behind a car's residual value, Mr McLean ranks the cost of financing the car, then factors such as servicing, maintenance, fuel and insurance costs.

"Long service intervals will mean lower running costs," he says. "But modern cars are becoming more and more reliable and you don't get the sort of rogue vehicles that you did even five or 10 years ago."

Insurance is less of a factor because most fleets are insured per unit en masse, and a sprinkling of go-faster GTis on a fleet is unlikely to do too much to push up "life costs" of a vehicle. Premiums are likely to change only gradually to reflect the overall claims history of an organisation's fleet.

VAUGHAN FREEMAN



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NEWS

Major brings rebels back into fold

■ John Major moved to raise Conservative morale in the run-up to the May local elections by bringing back into the party fold the eight Euro-rebels who were thrown out after defying a confidence vote on Europe.

A letter from Richard Ryder, the Chief Whip, told the MPs, who have been operating outside the parliamentary party since the end of November when they voted against the European budget bill, that they were back .... Pages 1, 2, 16, 17

Divorcees win share of pensions

■ Divorcees will be entitled to a share of their former partners' pensions. The latest U-turn in the Pensions Bill came as Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, conceded that war widows who remarry and are then bereaved or divorced should be able to claim £140-a-week service pensions .... Page 1

Murder charges

Four white youths from south London have been charged with the murder of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence after his parents launched a private prosecution .... Page 1

End of shelf life

Tesco has announced that it is phasing out all milk cartons and replacing them with plastic bottles .... Page 1

Sinn Fein talks

The Northern Ireland peace process passed an historic milestone when the Government announced that it would hold its first formal ministerial talks with Sinn Fein in more than 20 years .... Page 1

Royal disclosures

An all-party committee of MPs has demanded that Buckingham Palace release full details of the 285 grace and favour properties provided for members of the royal family and staff .... Page 2

Demo teachers

Two militant teachers who verbally abused David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, at a union conference have escaped disciplinary action by their schools .... Page 3

Cancer care reforms

A scheme to improve the uneven quality of NHS cancer services has been launched by the Government .... Page 5

Paintings 'looted'

Dürer masterpieces in some of the world's leading museums were looted by the Nazis and could become the subject of international claims, art researchers say .... Page 6

Ready for round two

The Socialist and Gaullist challengers for the French presidency set out to rally support after the first round saw strong support for minority candidates .... Page 9

Rwanda accusation

Survivors of the refugee massacre in Rwanda faced fresh savagery at the hands of their Tutsi foes, as UN peacekeepers were accused of doing almost nothing to protect the victims .... Page 13

Clinton crackdown

President Clinton is demanding sweeping new powers to crack down on domestic terrorism in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing .... Page 11

War crime suspects

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, and General Ratko Mladic, his military commander, have been named as war crimes suspects by the UN tribunal for the former Yugoslavia .... Page 12

Deng health clue

All five of Deng Xiaoping's children are reported to have been recalled to Peking and to have cancelled trips because of their father's health .... Page 10

Rowers invited to challenge Atlantic

■ Plans have been announced for the longest and toughest rowing race in history. The 2,900-mile Atlantic Rowing Challenge will pit two-person crews against the Atlantic, providing a test of willpower and stamina to rival conquering Everest. The race, to begin in September 1997, will start in the Canary Islands and finish in the West Indies .... Page 6

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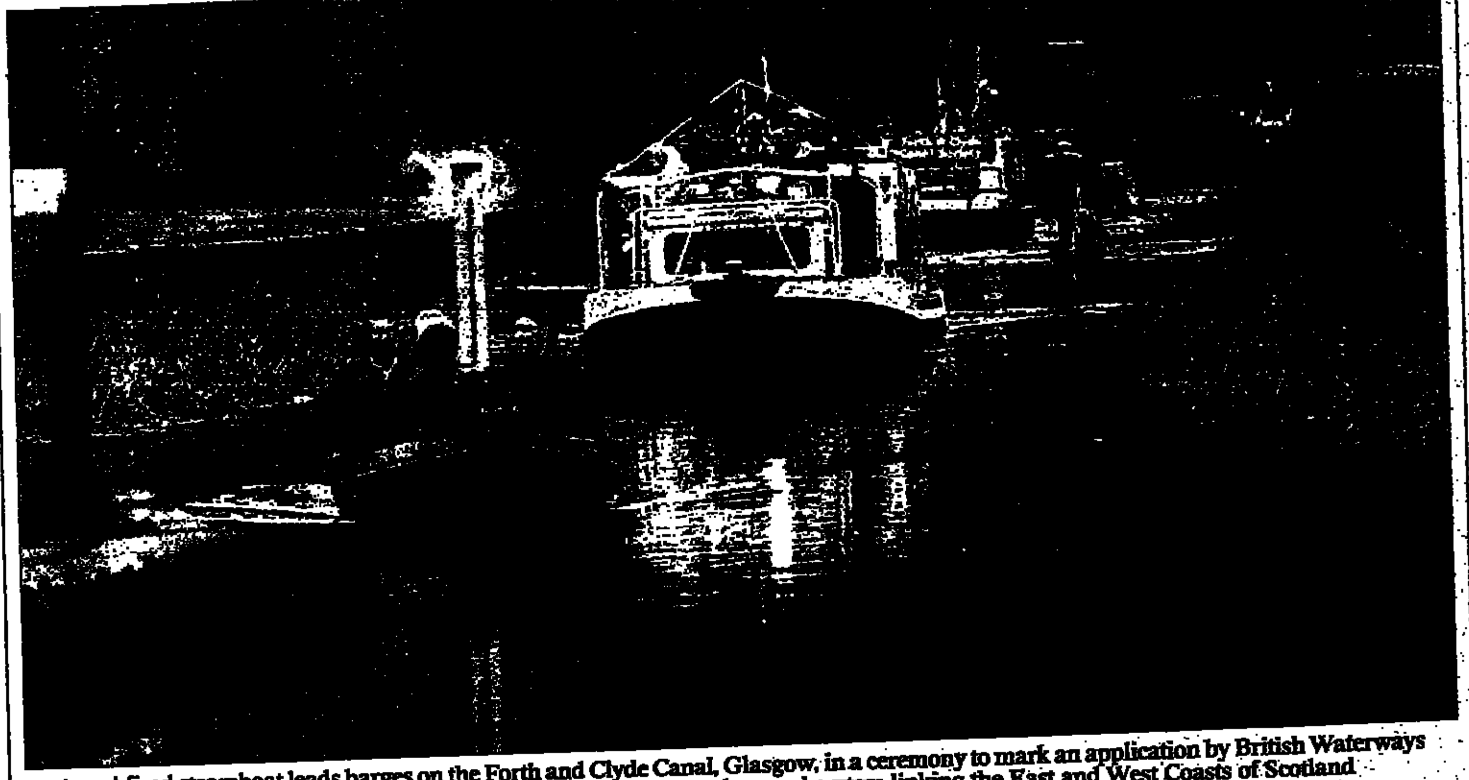

A coal-fired steamboat leads barges on the Forth and Clyde Canal, Glasgow, in a ceremony to mark an application by British Waterways to the Millennium Commission for £50 million to restore the canal system linking the East and West Coasts of Scotland

BUSINESS

Building Societies: Abbey National said it would like to buy National & Provincial Building Society, in what would become the City's first hostile takeover bid for a building society .... Page 25

Lloyd's: David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's of London, has rejected claims that the market was near to collapse .... Page 25

Bank of England: Howard Davies received a warm welcome from the city on after it was confirmed that he is to become the next deputy governor .... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 9.4 points to close at 3209.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 84.5 to 84.2 after a fall from $1.6082 to $1.6075 and from DM2.2113 to DM2.2023..... Page 28

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Snooker: Stephen Hendry, attempting to win the Embassy world championship for the fifth time in six years, held an early lead over Ronnie O'Sullivan .... Page 48

Rugby league: Keighley have issued a writ against the Rugby Football League after being left out of the Super League .... Page 48

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Racing: Sheikh Mohammed threw down the gauntlet to Celtic Swing's connections when he confirmed that Pennekamp and Diffident would run in the 2,000 Guineas on May 6 .... Page 45

Paris sensations: In Paris, the crowds are queueing for two blockbuster exhibitions: of Chagall paintings and sculptures by Brancusi .... Page 33

One to enjoy: When Alan Bennett's play *Enjoy* was premiered 15 years ago, it was coolly received. Now this sardonic portrait of slum life in Leeds seems sharp and pertinent .... Page 35

Fine catch: A first-class conductor, Dietfried Bernet, and a fine cast performed Bizet's tuneful opera *The Pearl Fishers* with *élan* in Leeds .... Page 34

Designs on the ballet: Painter Patrick Caulfield promises something non-traditional when his designs for the ballet *Rhapsody* are unveiled at Covent Garden ... Page 35

Dear diary: For millions of people, Anne Frank personifies the suffering of the Holocaust. Julia Llewellyn Smith meets one of the few people who remember Anne in person, her cousin .... Page 14

Fear of fat: "Most sufferers talk very positively about the discovery of vomiting," says Dr Christopher Fairburn about bulimics. "At last they feel released from the need to restrict their eating the whole time" .... Page 15

Fleet cars: Company buys could account for as much as 75 per cent of new car sales .... Pages 20-23

There are shadowy, heavily armed groups that thrive on a noxious ideological stew of white supremacy, anti-Semitism and resistance to the federal government, and call themselves God-fearing "patriots". Apparently this brand of patriotism involves blowing little children to pieces

—*Los Angeles Times*

The early theory that the Oklahoma bombing might be the work of Islamic radicals is fading. That should give pause to all those who jumped to hair-trigger accusations —*The New York Times*

Preview: John Pilger returns to Vietnam, 20 years after the surrender of Saigon, to see what victory has meant (ITV, 10.40pm). **Review:** Matthew Bond on the familiarity of the jargon in the new police series *Rules of Engagement* .... Page 47

Left behind

The austere M Jospin will paint M Chirac as a political opportunist, accusing him of promising too much for the future. But M Jospin has yet to say what, of the past, he is prepared to shed .... Page 17

Whipped again

The Prime Minister will do anything to avoid having to expel them again. The gang of nine will keep their licence to rebel .... Page 17

Rwanda's dead

There can be no reconciliation in Rwanda until the Hutu extremists are tried and punished. The killings at Kibeho are ferocious proof of this .... Page 17

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Assuming that there were a dozen honest Crédit Lyonnais bankers, together with the office boy and his cat, how did those who were supposed to be the guardians of what was one of the world's foremost banks let the catastrophe happen? .... Page 16

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The Jospin menu includes tax changes and state intervention to benefit the less well-off, but it stops well short of the near-Marxist schemes that M Mitterrand took to power in 1981 .... Page 16

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The publication of the minutes of the monthly meetings between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England has changed the balance of financial decision-making .... Page 8

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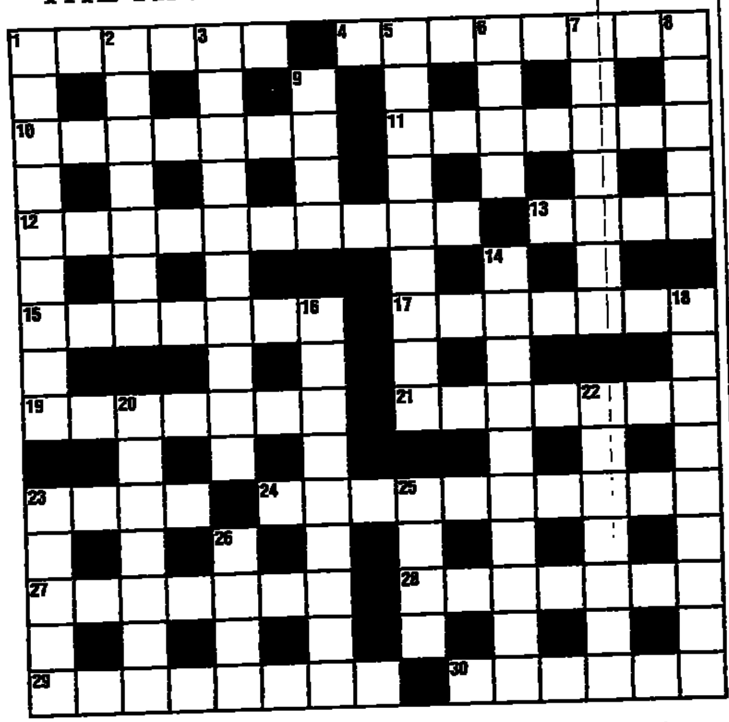

ACROSS:

1 Is fancy bred in the head? Rubbish (6)
4 Islands are so spread out (8)
10 Cooker — one that takes fish (7)
11 A male friend inside CAMRA, say (7)
12 Being put up to lots of larks (10)
13 Answer by the people (4)
15 Booty to put in eastern store (7)
17 One that stinks needs place to change (7)
19 With which to bribe Irma? (7)
21 Duty list includes group from town in Egypt (7)
23 Double act is no longer around (4)
24 Constrains donkey to consume endless weeds (5-5)
27 Beat beloved dog (7)
28 After discussion, rejected rented property (7)
29 It keeps records about import lines (8)
30 Indian servant may present demand for payment (6)

DOWN

1 Low notes forced into service (9)
2 Daring lines given to Miss Gardner to act (7)
3 Having trouble bathing? (2,3,5)
5 Use paper round to circulate, in particular to London (3-6)
6 Bloody difficult to find (4)
7 Energetic detectives imprisoned lots — all fitted up (7)
8 Offence in church detailed by founder-member (5)
9 Minor horror of being initially in contact with plague-carrier (4)
14 Cathedral precincts possess narrow way out (5,5)
16 Fungus found in two places in the universe? (9)
18 Journeyman bank clerk conceals brave heart (9)
20 Restoring ruin (7)
22 Runner's foot admired by Lord Emsworth? (7)
23 Actor grabbing wife's portion (5)
25 Go slowly along island (4)
26 Composition addressed to cat? Not quite (4)

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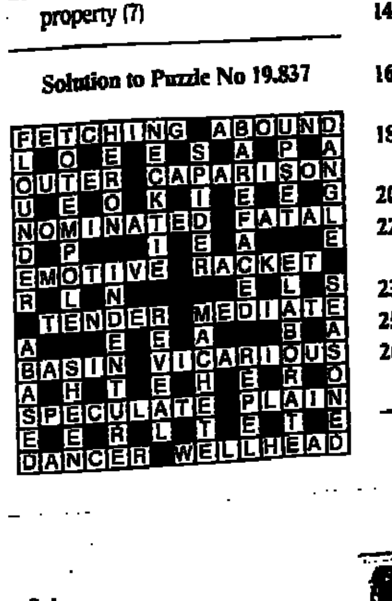

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Morecambe, Lancashire, 16C (61F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Dyce Airport, Aberdeen, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Skegness, Lincolnshire, 12.0hr

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Southwest England and Wales will have sun in the morning but during the afternoon heavy showers are likely. Other western and central parts should have sunny spells by late morning after a cloudy start.

Remaining eastern areas are likely to have a fair amount of misty low cloud well into the afternoon. Northern Ireland will be dry with sunny spells. Western parts of Scotland should be dry with sunny spells, as will central parts later. Eastern areas and the far north will tend to stay rather grey with patchy drizzle.

☐ **London, E Midlands, Central N:** becoming brighter with risk of isolated showers later. Wind northeast, moderate or fresh. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **SE, NE, E England, E Anglia, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** mostly overcast with patchy drizzle. Wind northeast, mainly fresh. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Central S, SW England, W Midlands, Wales:** soon brightening with showers developing later, perhaps heavy and thundery. Wind north becoming northeasterly, light to moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** soon brightening with showers developing, perhaps heavy and thundery. Wind northwesterly, moderate. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland:** mainly dry with sunny spells throughout the day. Wind east to northeasterly, moderate to fresh, locally strong. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with some drizzle. Wind northeasterly mainly strong. Max temp 8C (46F).

☐ **Outlook:** dry in most areas with some sunshine.

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.5	0.53	8	46	fg
Anglesey	6.0	0.19	13	55	s
Aspatria	6.1	0.14	14	57	s
Aviemore	4.2	0.17	12	54	b
Belfast	0.4	0.30	11	52	r
Birmingham	4.9	0.03	14	57	s
Bognor R	8.7	0.32	12	54	s
Bournem'th	7.2	0.25	13	55	s
Bristol	6.5	0.35	13	55	s
Buxton	4.7	0.03	12	54	b
Cardiff	7.5	0.12	13	55	s
Clacton	8.1	-	13	55	s
Cleethorpes	11.0	-	13	55	s
Colwyn Bay	8.1	-	15	59	b
Cromer	11.8	-	15	59	s
Doncaster	9.5	0.02	15	59	s
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	3.8	-	12	54	b
Edinburgh	2.5	0.39	15	59	c
Eskdalemuir	2.4	0.44	12	54	sh
Exmouth	10.0	0.22	12	54	s
Falmouth	X	0.08	12	54	s
Fishguard	7.2	0.19	12	54	s
Folkestone	6.3	-	13	55	b
Glasgow	1.5	0.17	13	55	sh
Guernsey	7.7	0.05	14	57	s
Hastings	4.8	-	12	54	c
Hayling I.	6.5	0.05	12	54	s
Herne Bay	8.6	0.01	13	55	s
Hove	2.6	0.25	11	52	c
Hunstanton	11.5	-	14	57	s
Ilfracombe	X				
Isle of Man	3.8	0.26	12	54	b
Jersey	5.8	0.04	13	55	s
Kinloss	3.6	0.22	12	54	r
Leeds	6.8	0.12	15	59	s
Lerwick	2.3	-	7	45	c
Leuchars	1.8	0.52	9	48	c
Littlehmptn	5.2	-	11	52	s
Liverpool	4.2	-	13	55	sh
London	4.5	-	15	59	b
Lowestoft	10.4	-	13	55	s
Manchester	4.1	0.01	15	59	b
Margate	8.2	-	14	57	s
Minehead	X				
Morecambe	5.8	-	16	61	s
Newcastle	9.3	X	12	54	s
Newquay	8.4	0.09	13	55	b
Norwich	11.2	-	15	59	s
Oxford	5.5	-	13	65	sh
Penzance	8.5	0.17	13	55	s
Plymouth	9.5	0.09	12	54	s
Poole	5.2	0.28	14	57	s
Prestatyn	X	0.17	14	57	b
Ross-o-wye	6.3	0.16	14	57	b
Ryde	5.0	0.10	13	55	b
Salcombe	10.1	0.30	12	54	s
Sandown	5.0	0.03	13	55	b
Saundn Snd	7.9	0.24	15	59	s
Scarboro'	9.8	0.17	12	54	s
Scilly Isles	9.9	0.07	12	54	s
Shanklin	6.2	0.06	12	54	b
Shrewsbury	5.1	0.06	13	55	sh
Skegness	12.0	-	12	54	s
Southend	X	-	X	X	s
Southport	5.3	-	14	57	s
Southsea	6.7	0.28	12	54	s
Stornoway	7.6	0.12	10	50	s
Swanage	7.0	0.15	13	55	s
Teignmouth	10.8	0.27	12	54	s
Tenby	8.1	0.21	11	52	s
Tiree	7.7	0.21	13	55	sh
Torquay	10.4	0.28	13	55	s
Ventnor	6.2	0.13	14	57	s
Weymouth	7.3	0.27	11	52	s

These are Sunday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	r	C'phagn	19	66	s	Madrid	9	48	c	Rome	15	59	r
Akrotiri	22	72	f	Corfu	25	77	s	Majorca	16	61	s	Salzburg	26	79	s
Alex'dria	22	72	s	Dublin	11	52	s	Malaga	19	66	s	S Frisco	17	63	s
Algiers	15	59	r	Dubrovnik	11	52	s	Malta	20	68	s	Santiago	15	59	s
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Faro	17	63	s	Melb'rne	14	57	s	S Paulo	25	77	f
Athens	25	77	f	Florence	15	59	c	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	17	63	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Frankfurt	25	77	s	Milan	13	55	r	Sing'por	30	86	f
Bangkok	35	95	f	Funchal	17	63	f	Montreal	7	45	s	St'kholm	16	61	s
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	14	57	f	Moscow	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	18	64	f
Barcelona	13	55	f	Gibraltar	16	61	f	Munich	24	75	s	Sydney	24	75	s
Beirut	19	66	f	Helsinki	23	73	s	Nairobi	28	82	f	Tangier	15	59	f
Belgrade	23	73	s	Hong K	26	79	f	Naples	16	61	r	Tel Aviv	24	75	s
Berlin	21	70	s	Innsbrck	21	70	s	N Delhi	35	95	s	Tenerife	20	68	c
Bermuda	25	77	s	Istanbul	15	59	f	N York	14	57	s	Tokyo	20	68	s
Biarritz	12	54	f	Jeddah	29	84	s	Nice	13	55	r	Toronto	7	45	f
Borde'x	12	54	f	Jo'burg	21	70	s	Oslo	19	66	s	Tunis	19	66	c
Brussels	11	52	c	Karachi	33	91	f	Paris	9	48	d	Valencia	14	57	c
Budapest	21	70	f	L Palmas	19	66	c	Peking	24	75	c	Vanc'ver	12	54	f
B Aires	23	73	s	Le Tquet	9	48	f	Perth	24	75	s	Venice	14	57	r
Cairo	28	82	s	Lisbon	15	59	f	Prague	21	70	s	Vienna	26	79	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Locarno	14	57	d	Reykjavik	7	45	f	Warsaw	21	70	f
Chicago	9	48	f	L Angels	27	81	s	Rhodes	19	66	s	Wash'ton	16	61	f
Ch'church	15	59	-	Luxembg	19	66	c	Rio de J	26	79	f	Wel'ngton	16	61	f
Cologne	16	61	s	Luxor	34	93	f	Riyadh	28	82	s	Zurich	15	59	f

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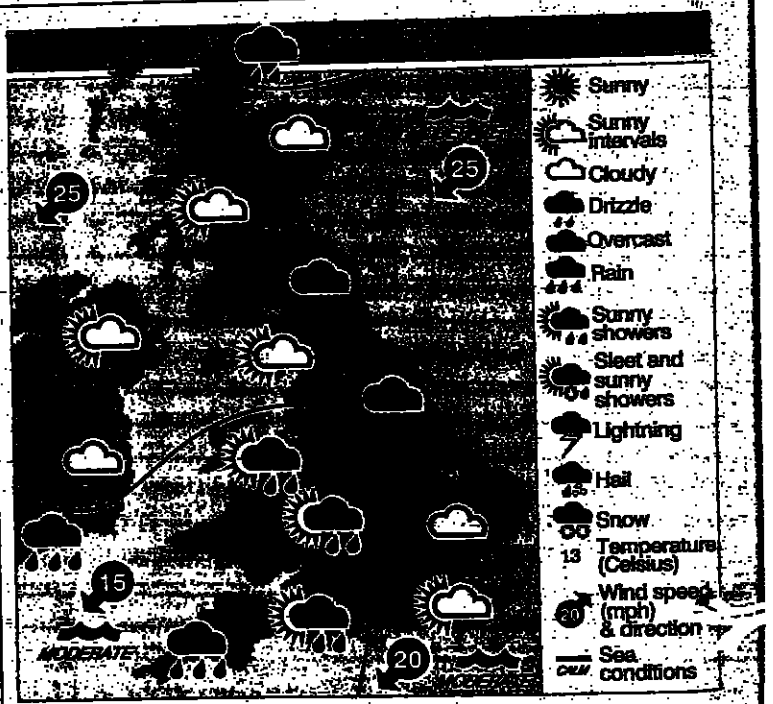

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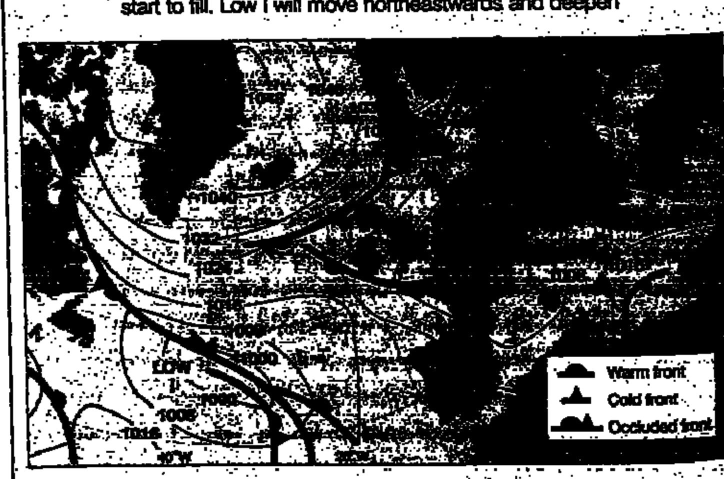

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Avonmouth	3:27	11.12	4:03	11.23	Lowestoft	6:26	2.22	6:19	2.16
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Unions tell Greenbury how pay gap became a gulf

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE gap between pay levels of directors and their staff has widened greatly over the past ten years. Directors are now paid 12 times their employees' average salaries, according to evidence to be put by trade unions today to the Greenbury Committee pay inquiry.

John Monks, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, will today urge the Confederation of British Industry's committee, headed by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer, to recommend statutory controls to curb the growing gap between executive and employee pay. John Major has promised to consider any new legislation that the Greenbury inquiry proposes.

The TUC evidence draws on new research compiled at Warwick University and the London School of Economics, which looks at executive-employee pay differentials in a sample of more than 1,200 companies. This shows that in 1984, companies' highest-paid directors were, on average, paid 7.8 times the average employee salary in their companies — but by last year this ratio had widened to 12.6 times the average salary, marking a 61 per cent increase in the differential. The TUC says that even this figure considerably understates the differential, since the figure for the highest-paid directors does not include the value of share options, equity holdings or pensions.

The research shows that for the 50 highest-paid directors in the sample, the differential is now even higher — on average 62 times greater their employees' average salaries. In some companies, the highest-paid director is paid more than 100 times the employee average in the same firm. Over the period, average pay for the highest-paid directors rose from £98,261 to £211,629, an increase of 115 per cent. At the same time, average employee salaries in the same sample of companies have risen 34 per cent, from £12,601 to £16,831. Annual rises for the highest-paid directors averaged 10.5 per cent, while those of employees averaged 3.1 per cent.

In 27 recommendations to the inquiry, the TUC says that directors' share options should be limited to £50,000 and treated as taxable income. Remuneration committees should be elected at annual meetings and should not include executive directors.

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Abbey makes hostile beeline for the N&P

By Patricia Tehan and Robert Miller

ABBEY NATIONAL has launched the first hostile bid for a building society. It confirmed yesterday that it wants to buy National & Provincial, Britain's eighth-largest society.

N&P rejected a bid approach by Abbey in 1993, but yesterday Abbey said: "We have indicated to National & Provincial that we wish to resume discussions. We believe a combination of National & Provincial and Abbey National would make sound strategic sense."

Peter Birch, Abbey chief executive, approached Alastair Lyons, N&P's new chief executive, several weeks ago, asking him to resume talks broken off by the previous management.

Abbey said that it expected, subject to receipt of further information, to be able to offer N&P members "a substantial premium to net asset value".

Analysts said that a takeover of N&P by Abbey, could value the building society at £1.1 billion, worth an average £650 to its 1.7 million qualifying members. It would create a mortgage giant worth £7.4 billion, employing 20,500 people. A merged Abbey and N&P would retain second place in terms of mortgage lending behind a merged Halifax and Leeds.

Abbey is Britain's fourth-biggest bank, having converted from building society status in 1989. It has 675 branches and employs 18,000 staff, against 4,500 staff in N&P. It is the second-biggest mortgage lender and has a stock market capitalisation of £6.3 billion. Its shares yesterday rose 11p, to 480p, after weekend rumours.

Abbey is seeking more financial information from N&P to enable it to value the society.

If Abbey does make a takeover offer, it is thought likely to offer shares rather than cash. This would enable it to compensate all qualifying members, including borrowers and those of less than two years' standing. These are the groups that lost out in Lloyds Bank's £1.8 billion cash bid for Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society.

Mr Lyons, whose society has 3 million customers and 550 branches and agencies, as well as a life and unit trust arm, declined to elaborate on the offer. He said: "Until I have discussed this with the N&P board, it would not be appropriate to make a statement."

In February, N&P brought in public relations consultants to promote the launch of its Mutual Interests programme, designed to give added benefits conferred by mutual status to some 1.7 million qualifying N&P members. These included free mortgage valuations, higher interest rates for savers and discounts on unit trust investments.

John Wriglesworth, the former UBS building societies analyst now an executive with Bradford & Bingley Building Society, condemned Abbey's move. He said: "This is not only a hostile action by Abbey National, it is also incredibly naive. No building society will want to have anything to do with Abbey National after this. Abbey National will simply do a hatchet job on N&P by closing branches, but adding to its own shareholder value. The Abbey has shot itself in the foot."

The Abbey announcement came two days before N&P's annual meeting, in Bradford tomorrow afternoon.

John Fry, Abbey's deputy chairman, said: "Geographically, it looks right." Abbey is strongest in the south of England, while N&P has a stronger presence in the north, particularly Yorkshire and Lancashire, and in Scotland.

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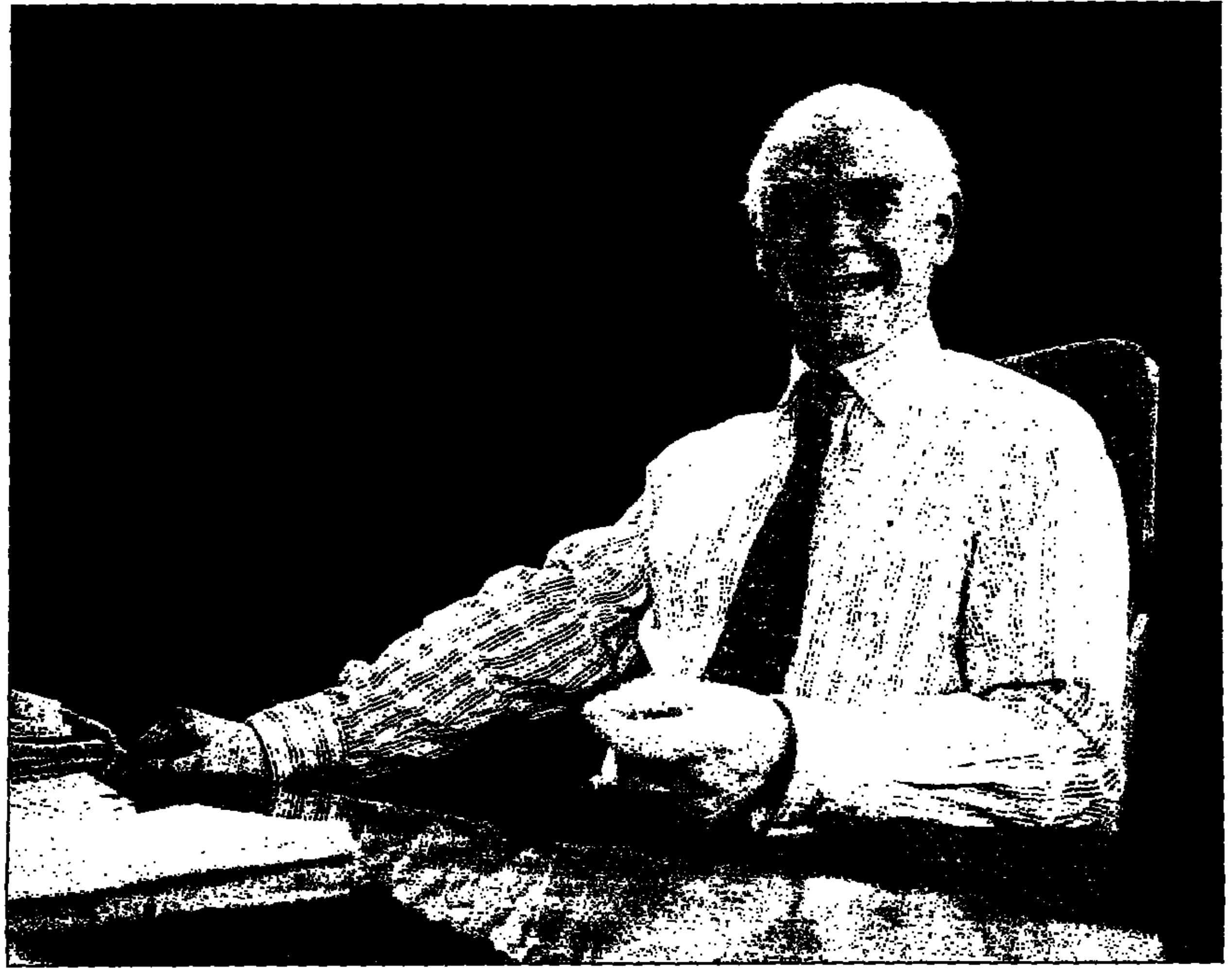

Royal approval: Howard Davies was "honoured" yesterday to be made deputy governor of the Bank of England

Davies confirmed for Bank job

By Philip Bassett and Patricia Tehan

HOWARD DAVIES, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, received a warm welcome from the City, the Bank of England and the Government yesterday, after the Prime Minister's office confirmed that he is to become deputy governor of the Bank of England in September.

Mr Davies's appointment was approved by the Queen. He succeeds Rupert Pennant-Rea who resigned last month.

Mr Davies, who is 44, said he was honoured to be offered the job, though he accepted he had much to learn about it. He said: "There are aspects of what the bank does of which I have little knowledge at the present time. As far as City regulation is concerned my knowledge of that, I would frankly say, is limited. I have got a lot to learn."

But he hoped that his "immersion in the real economy at the CBI will be useful experience to take to the job".

He takes over for five years from September 11. Mr Davies has headed the CBI since July 1992. Before that he worked in Whitehall, with McKinsey & Co, the management consultant, and as controller of the Audit Commission, which scrutinises local authority spending.

Eddie George, the Bank of England Governor, welcomed Mr Davies's appointment, saying: "I am delighted that Howard Davies has agreed to join the Bank. He will bring with him valuable experience of industry and government, and I look forward very much to working with him."

Sir Nicholas Goodison, president of the British Bankers' Association, described Mr Davies as "a good man". He said: "He has the combination of management expertise, experience of government and of the economy." And he described the appointment as imaginative.

Michael Heseltine said it was an excellent appointment. Mr Davies had done a "great job" at the CBI, and had made an important contribution to improving Britain's competitiveness. The President of the Board of Trade added: "It is very encouraging to see someone appointed to this job who has the interests of the wealth-creating sector at heart."

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Lloyd's reviews action to limit rumour damage

By Sarah Bagnall, Insurance Correspondent

POSSIBLE damage to Lloyd's of London by speculation about whether the insurance market will pass its annual solvency tests will be discussed at today's Lloyd's council meeting.

The latest round of speculation has prompted Lloyd's to discuss whether any action is needed. David Rowland, chairman at Lloyd's of London, yesterday vigorously rejected claims that the 308-year old insurance market was on the verge of collapse.

Referring to the annual Department of Trade and Industry solvency tests, Mr Rowland said: "We expect to satisfy their requirements in 1995 as we did in 1994." A spokesman went one step further: "There is absolutely no doubt about Lloyd's passing solvency this year."

Mr Rowland recently admitted that speculation over Lloyd's survival is damaging. He told a Treasury Select Committee that each time the spectre of collapse is raised the market loses business to other insurance companies.

There is a marked divide in opinion among names. Several names argue that Lloyd's cannot bear the weight of the losses of the past few years, which have been exacerbated by the growing number of names refusing to pay their debts and the increasing incidence of reinsurance company collapses. This has prompted concerns that Lloyd's may levy names to help bail it out. Others claim that these names are scaremongering.

The speculation failed to cause a stir in the City, however, with shares of the quoted Lloyd's investment trusts, on average, losing between 1p and 2p.

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Bowater changes name to Rexam

By Sarah Bagnall

BOWATER, one of the best known names in industry, is set to disappear. After nine months of deliberations the packaging, printing and coatings group, is changing its name to Rexam.

The name, which has its origins in Wrexham, a Welsh town, won from a list of more than 600 suggestions put in the pot by Bowater employees and Interbrand, the marketing consultant. Rexam was a late entrant, spotted from the doodlings of David Lyon, Bowater's chief executive.

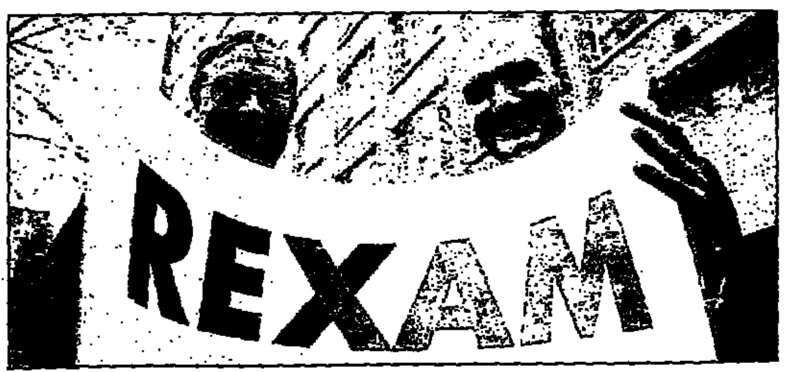
Mr Lyon, who saw his pay leap 21 per cent to £632,000 last year, said the strangest contenders were Hakari and Summus — the former was rejected because of an alarming similarity to the word hara-kiri, while the latter led to debate on its pronunciation.

Mr Lyon and Michael Hartnell, finance director, said the change would cost about £2.5 million, to include changing the signs outside 200 plants and painting new liveries on 500 trucks. The cost was contained by a freeze on repainting and not ordering stationary with the changed telephone number prefix. Bowater may recoup part of the cost if it implements plans to try to sell the name to Bowater Inc for use outside the Americas.

Bowater's decision to change its name is due to a split identity. It trades under the names Rexham in the Americas and Bowater everywhere else. This is because in 1984 the Bowater Corporation was divided into Bowater Inc, the newsprint, coated paper and market pulp businesses in North America, and Bowater plc, the remaining businesses. As part of the demerger "we were forbidden for ever more from using the Bowater name in the Americas," said Mr Lyon.

In 1987 the British company bought a small company in America called Rexham, a corruption of Wrexham, where it had a coated materials plant. Since the acquisition, Rexham has grown swiftly and now represents 35 per cent of group turnover and 41 per cent — £99 million — of profits.

The two trading names — Rexham and Bowater started off as a nuisance, said Mr Lyon. "But it has now become divisive and a serious commercial disadvantage," he added.



Hoping shareholders approve: David Lyon, left, with Michael Hartnell

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FT-SE 100	3209.3	(+9.4)
Yield	4.25%	
FT-SE A All share	1571.79	(+2.64)
Nikkei	16804.05	(-164.19)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4271.12	(+1.03)*
S&P Composite	509.31	(+0.82)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5$\frac{15}{16}$%*	(5$\frac{15}{16}$%)
Long Bond	103$\frac{17}{32}$*	(103$\frac{15}{32}$)
Yield	7.33%*	(7.34%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6$\frac{23}{32}$%	(6$\frac{3}{4}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	104$\frac{1}{8}$	(104$\frac{3}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6060*	(1.6127)
London:		
$	1.6015	(1.6107)
DM	2.2071	(2.2136)
FFr	7.7970	(7.8510)
SFr	1.8269	(1.8299)
Yen	133.36	(133.57)
£ Index	84.2	(84.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3736*	(1.3701)
FFr	4.8520*	(4.8678)
SFr	1.1375*	(1.1305)
Yen	83.24*	(82.70)
$ Index	87.6	(87.6)

Tokyo close Yen 82.40

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.15	($18.05)

GOLD

London close	$391.25	($390.55)

* denotes midday trading price

IMF split over call for more crisis cash

From Janet Bush
in Washington

MICHEL Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, is to press for substantial additional resources to cope with world crises such as that in Mexico.

The move goes against the wishes of IMF shareholders such as the Group of Seven members that felt railroaded by the IMF into the Mexican bailout.

M Camdessus said yesterday that he wanted a substantial increase in quotas as well as more money for the fund's Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility. He also reiterated his proposal for a big issue of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) — the IMF reserve currency, which failed to reach agreement last year.

British officials who had, with other G7 countries, put forward a similarly doomed compromise proposal for a smaller SDR issue, said that the question of SDRs was not even on this week's agenda.

M Camdessus yesterday prepared himself for a fierce fight to defend the IMF against calls for change, particularly from Britain. He said that the fund was currently at the "highest point in its history", with economic programmes or negotiations currently in progress with 83 countries.

Speaking on the eve of today's Group of Seven meeting and tomorrow's interim committee of the fund meeting, M Camdessus said: "The initiatives we have taken in Mexico and several other countries have certainly helped to contain the potentially dangerous contagion effect of the Mexican crisis."

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McKechnie out for US growth

By Carl Mortished

McKECHNIE, the plastics and metal components group, wants to expand further in North America after a strong performance in the US helped to drive group pre-tax profits from £13 million to £20 million in the half year to January 31.

A turnround at US Packaging helped McKechnie's plastics division to increase profits from £1.1 million to £6 million and the company is seeking ways to expand its operations as a supplier to the US electronics and automotive sectors.

Stuart Moberley, finance director, said that McKechnie was not deterred by signs that the US is heading for a phase of slower growth. "We would like to expand the North American plastics businesses. We have the ability to acquire small to medium-sized companies," he said.

Strong cash flow in the half year let McKechnie repay borrowings and reduce gearing from 19 per cent to 14 per cent, at January 31, and Mr Moberley expects year-end gearing of 5 to 10 per cent.

McKechnie's exposure to the DIY sector, which accounts for about 30 per cent of sales, held back the advance in the consumer businesses, in which profits rose 12 per cent, mainly due to a strong Australian housing market. In the UK, where McKechnie competes with Williams Holdings in curtain rail products, the flat housing market hurt sales, with major customers reducing stock. Mr Moberley said that the housing market needed inflation to get it moving again, but that McKechnie was protected from weak demand by its margins, which were 10 per cent of sales.

Acquisitions fuelled 50 per cent of the profits growth in the half year, with a strong performance by Linread, the fasteners business acquired last June, helping to boost profits from special products from £4.9 million to £8.3 million.

The interim dividend is up 10 per cent, to 5.5p, after a 43 per cent rise in earnings per share, to 14.7p.

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JOEL CHANT

Stuart Moberley, left, and Michael Ost, chief executive, saw McKechnie's profits rise from £13 million to £20 million

Boeing to cut jobs after earnings dive

BOEING'S first-quarter earnings spiralled downwards to $181 million, compared with $292 million last year, the company said yesterday. The aircraft manufacturer said the 38 per cent fall was the result of a lean business environment in the airline business, causing fewer deliveries of jets. The company also announced plans for further job cuts, and said it expected to take a charge of up to $400 million to cover the costs of early retirement.

Battling Europe's Airbus for customers, Boeing's profits were just 53 cents a share, on sales of $5 billion, compared with 86 cents a share on sales of $6.3 billion for the January to March period of 1994. It delivered 59 commercial aircraft in the quarter, compared with 82 a year ago. Research and development, at $404 million, was reduced by only 4 per cent. Boeing said sales for all of 1995 are expected to total $20 billion-$21 billion, compared with about $22 billion in 1994. The group projects about 230 aircraft deliveries this year.

Manning joins ESN

DAVID MANNING, 46, has resigned as head of UK equity investment at Legal & General Investments, to join ESN Pension Management, which controls £12.5 billion in pension funds for the privatised electricity companies. He will become securities investment director, succeeding Bob Gibson, who became chief executive of ESN last year. L&G is seeking a successor. ESN, an umbrella fund for 21 industry-related pension plans, is currently looking for a partner with the funds and resources to help it develop its international business.

EIS advances to £18m

EIS GROUP, the engineering holding company, increased taxable profits to £18.4 million last year from £16.2 million, in spite of little sign of recovery in demand for capital goods. The company said the aircraft manufacturing sector was particularly depressed. Even where there was an upturn in activity, margins remained under pressure in a competitive environment, creating mixed conditions. Turnover rose to £347 million from £253.18 million. Earnings rose to 27p a share (24.9p). The total dividend is increased to 12.7p a share (12.3p), with a 9.3p final, due on July 10.

Charlie Browns sold

KINGFISHER, the retail conglomerate, has sold Charlie Browns Autocentres, its car parts business, to the recently formed Montinex for £19 million. Charlie Browns, which was put up for sale by Kingfisher last November, generates annual sales of about £50 million. Montinex was formed last July following a management buy-in of Chessington Tyres. CINVen, the venture capital company which backed the buy-in, yesterday said it would inject a further £8.5 million to help fund the purchase. Motorworld will manage the accessory retailing part of the business with a view to buying it.

London Tec taken over

RECEIVERS for South Thames Training and Enterprise Council, the business-led training body that collapsed last year, yesterday announced that the Department of Employment has now concluded contracts with neighbouring Central London and South London Tecs to provide Tec services in the old South Thames area — effectively taking over its work. Scott Barnes, a partner at Grant Thornton and the administrative receiver for the South Thames Tec, said there had been "the minimum possible disruption to the provision of services to local businesses and trainees".

Budgens sales rise

BUDGENS, the supermarket chain, yesterday reported a 6 per cent increase in sales during the eight-week period to Easter. Like-for-like sales rose by 1.3 per cent, an improvement on the small decline seen in the first half. Four stores have been opened in the past six months and are meeting or exceeding expectations. Seven Penny Market stores, the discount format abandoned earlier this year, are being converted to the Budgens fascia. Four of the five remaining Penny Market outlets have now been handed over to Lidl, the German discount operator.

Wensum grows again

THE Wensum Company, retail and corporate clothing designers and suppliers, reported profits of £1.1m before tax for the year ending January 28, up from £344,000. The large increase continues the growth following a slump during the retail recession of the early 1990s, which culminated in losses of £44,000 in the year to January 31, 1993. Wensum profits rose tenfold over the next year. Earnings per share increased to 9.14p from 2.87. A final dividend of 2.85p makes a total 4.35p, up from 2p. The shares closed at 134p, up 1p.

Losses deepen at How

HOW GROUP, the building services company, is maintaining the total dividend at 0.75p a share in spite of pre-tax losses deepening to £2.85 million last year, from £2.13 million in 1993. Losses per share rose to 6.42p a share from 3.61p. The final dividend is unchanged, at 0.375p a share, payable on July 3. At the operating level, losses increased to £1.6 million from £480,000. Turnover fell to £125.3 million from £133.4 million. The company said that open-tendering for construction work was still beset with non-existent or wafer-thin margins.

VTR Group ahead 24%

VTR GROUP reported pre-tax profits of £866,221 in the six months to February 28, an increase of 24.3 per cent over the same period last year. The company owns and operates several subsidiaries within the television industry, including Video Tape Recording Ltd and The Machine Room Ltd. Earnings per share were 5.6p (same), while the interim dividend rises to 1.6p a share (1.45p). The shares rose 6p to 95p. Gearing of 37 per cent rose from 24 per cent previously, reflecting exceptional capital expenditure of £3.8 million.

Bankers challenge US reform

REFORMS to US banking laws will deal a blow to the ambitions of foreign banks, which are trying to expand their securities operations in North America (Patricia Tehan writes).

British banks have called on the Bank of England to intervene on their behalf with US authorities. And Sir Nicholas Goodison, president of the British Bankers' Association, said he has written to Alan Greenspan, head of the US Federal Reserve, outlining the fears of British banks.

The proposed reforms are to the Glass Steagall Act, which established a legal separation between banking and securities businesses in the US. Under the reforms, a new structure known as an investment bank holding company would be created greatly reducing the restrictions between a bank and a securities affiliate; however, a condition for setting up such a holding company would be that the bank concerned did not take deposits protected by deposit insurance arrangements.

Roger Brown, a BBA director, said that this would deny the investment bank holding company structure to a bank with retail operations in its home country, such as British clearing banks.

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Glaxo takeover boosts money-supply figures

By Patricia Tehan and Robert Miller

GLAXO'S £9 billion takeover of Wellcome last month pushed the UK's M4 money supply for March up 1.4 per cent, giving a year-on-year rise of 5.5 per cent, according to official figures published yesterday.

Bank and building society lending increased by an adjusted £8.5 billion, the largest gain since March 1990, when it also rose by £8.5 billion, and much more than expected.

The Bank of England estimated that the Glaxo deal added £3.5 billion to M4 lending. Glaxo had set up an £8 billion credit facility for the deal, which closed at the end of March, though it is not known whether all of the facility was used.

The rise was higher than analysts' expectations of 0.5 per cent, which would have given 4.5 per cent for the year.

The British Bankers' Association said that Britain's biggest takeover had artificially inflated lending by major banking groups. Tim Sweeney, BBA director-general, said: "As the banking syndicate included several banks outside the major British banking groups, figures for all banks will be further distorted."

However, he added: "Even with this takeover finance, lending by the major British banks was lower in March, largely because of repayments by the finance sector."

The £1.2 billion rise in lending to the UK private sector by major British banking groups in March was well down on the January and February increases, both over £2.9 billion. However, Mr Sweeney said that the trend still appeared to be upward.

Adam Cole, economist with James Capel, said that the figures "contained some encouraging signs", with significant borrowing by manufacturers providing "further evidence that capital spending is at last picking up".

Yesterday's figures pointed to a flat housing market. Bank lending for house purchases fell from £602 million to £560 million, while building society net lending increased.

Banks appear to be losing in their race with building societies for a larger share of mortgage lending, according to figures issued yesterday by the Building Societies Association.

Societies' gross mortgage lending in March rose to £3.2 billion, from £2.3 billion in February, while net advances almost doubled to £1.1 billion and net new commitments increased by nearly £1 billion, to £3.7 billion. The BSA said that the March figure "could simply be reflecting increased building society market share".

The short-term nature of the sharp rise in monthly lending by building societies is underlined by the fact that net lending by BSA members in the first quarter of 1995 was just 1 per cent up on the same period last year and is 5 per cent below the final quarter of 1994. However, societies at least continue to record an inflow of savers' funds, with £520 million in March, up from £519 million a month earlier.

Adrian Coles, BSA director-general, said that despite the rise in monthly society lending, the market trend "showed nothing but flatness".

Nynex float to go ahead

By Eric Reguly

NYNEX CableComms, one of the two largest cable operators, is pressing ahead with its £400 million-£600 million flotation despite last week's disastrous initial public offering of General Cable shares.

But analysts and Nynex's financial advisers say the company probably will not get the share price it once expected. General's flotation knocked the wind out of the cable sector. The company, controlled by Générale des Eaux of France, expected to launch its shares at 220p-255p. The price met with considerable resistance in Britain and America and had to be cut to 190p to ensure the shares' placement. They traded at about 187p yesterday.

Rumours circulated late last week that Nynex would postpone its flotation, perhaps until the autumn, until investor confidence returned to the sector. The decision to keep the offering alive was made at a meeting on Friday with Nynex Corporation, the regional phone company that owns all the cable company's shares.

Nynex is confident its flotation will succeed partly because its disconnection, or "churn" rate, is relatively low. Its churn rate in 1994 was 31 per cent, against 39 per cent for General and 47 per cent for TeleWest, another cable company whose share price has fallen. Nynex will be valued at about £1.4 billion after the flotation, which will reduce the parent's stake to 65-70 per cent.

British Fuels on the market

By Martin Barrow

THE privatisation of British Coal's last major trading activity got under way yesterday with the offer for sale of British Fuels Group, one of the country's biggest distributors of solid fuels and petroleum products.

The Harrogate group employs about 2,000 people at more than 150 depots, shops and offices. Prospective purchasers are invited to bid for one or more of the three subsidiaries within the group.

BFL Coal purchases and distributes solid fuel to the retail and wholesale markets, employing 1,300 staff. It also distributes pre-packed coal, charcoal and other products, and is involved in shipping and stevedoring. In the year to March 25, estimated turnover was £257 million.

BFL Oil primarily purchases and distributes petroleum products. It is also involved in the purchase and supply of natural gas to 1,000 customers at 2,400 locations. The business, which employs 320 people, had estimated sales of 1,033 million litres of oil and 40 million therms of gas last year.

Cawoods distributes solid fuel products and oil in Northern Ireland, where it is also involved in the maintenance of domestic appliances. Turnover was £75 million last year.

Samuel Montague is acting as financial adviser in the sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of shareholders of German City Estates N.V. to be held on Thursday, 11 May 1995 at 11.00 am at Hotel de l'Europe, Nieuwe Doelenstraat 2-8, Amsterdam

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German City Estates N.V.

Holders of bearer shares as well as usufructuaries having the right to vote, who wish to attend the meeting, are required to deposit their proof of ownership at Internationale Nederlanden Bank N.V., De Amsterdamse Poort, Bijlmerplein 888, Amsterdam, or at H. Wesselius & Co B.V., Nieuwe Doelenstraat 10, Amsterdam, or at the office of the Company, Johannes Vermeerplein 5, Amsterdam, not later than 4 May 1995.

Shareholders who wish to be represented by power of attorney are required to deposit a written power of attorney at the office of the Company or with the banks mentioned above, not later than 8 May 1995. Proxy forms can be obtained from the Company.

The agenda for the meeting and copies of the 1994 annual accounts and the 1994 annual report can be obtained free of charge as of today by shareholders and others entitled to attend the meeting at the office of the Company or at the banks mentioned above.

Amsterdam, 25 April 1995.
The Board of Directors

LEGAL NOTICES

Ashfield Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 5th May 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 19th April 1995 J. BROOME - Director

BELLCARE LTD

t/as HOLMES PLACE LAUNDERERS (In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) The Insolvency Act 1986 in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, S D Swaden, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th April 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated this 19th April 1995 S D SWADEN, FCA, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986

JADEAGLE LIMITED (In Liquidation) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 12th April 1995. M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

CABERSTON CASHMERE LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF on 28th April 1995 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in the Section 98 et seq. A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. Dated this 20th April 1995 Mrs SHAYESTEH NAZEMI, Director

IN THE MATTER OF POWERGLOW LTD AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 19 April 1995, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Liquidator
Dated this twentieth day of April 1995

LEMARK INTERNATIONAL IMPORTS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)

A copy of the Administrative Receiver's Report and Statement of Affairs presented at the Meeting of Creditors held pursuant to Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 on Friday 21st day of April 1995 can be obtained free of charge on application to Panos Eliades & Co., of 6 Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1A 2LP.
PANOS ELIADES
ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

MORE GRAPHICS LIMITED

(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation) The Insolvency Act 1986 in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K D Goodman, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by members and creditors on 19th April 1995. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address. All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their claims in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given. Dated this 19th April 1995 K D GOODMAN, FCA, Liquidator

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver

Booth Engineering Services Limited
Registered number: 02641679
Trading name(s): As above
Nature of business: Concrete Block Manufacturers
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 12 April 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Names of administrative receivers: SRE Hancock IC Powell
Office Holder No.(s): 6472 7852
Address(es): 10 Bricket Road
St Albans Herts
AL1 3JX

The Insolvency Act 1986

LAKEBRAND LIMITED (In Liquidation) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London. EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 6th April 1995. M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENDED FINAL DISTRIBUTION TO CREDITORS
I C GAS LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
(Formerly Imperial Continental Gas Association)
Company Number: 2126211

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Joint Liquidators of the above company intend making a final distribution to creditors, which for the purposes of this Notice includes any member or former member in respect of claims for unpaid dividends.

Creditors of the company are required to prove their debts, on or before 26 May 1995, by sending to C Morris, Joint Liquidator, at the address given below, written statements of the amount they claim to be due to them from the company. They must also, if so requested, provide such further details or produce such further documentary or other evidence as may appear to the Joint Liquidators to be necessary.

A creditor who has not proved his debt before the date mentioned above (or increases the claim in his proof after that date) is not entitled to disturb, by reason that he has not participated in it, the intended distribution mentioned above or any other distribution declared before his debt is proved (or his claim is increased).

The Liquidators are not obliged to deal with any proofs lodged after 26 May 1995 and the Liquidators may make the final distribution without regard to the claim of any person in respect of any debt not already proved.

Dated 21 April 1995
C Morris
Joint Liquidator
Touche Ross & Co
PO Box 810
8 9 East Harding Street
London EC4A 3AS

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver

Booth Concrete Limited
Registered number: 00536738
Trading name(s): As above
Nature of business: Concrete Block Manufacturers
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 12 April 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Names of administrative receivers: SRE Hancock IC Powell
Office Holder No.(s): 6472 7852
Address(es): 10 Bricket Road
St Albans Herts
AL1 3JX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver

Group Five Industries Plc
Registered number: 1955163
Nature of business: Concrete Block Manufacturers
Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 12 April 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Names of administrative receivers: SRE Hancock IC Powell
Office Holder No.(s): 6472 7852
Address(es): 10 Bricket Road
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SECTION 293 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ROLF BERTIL WALENTIN ROSQUIST IN BANKRUPTCY

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed to act as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the Rolf Bertil Walentin Rosquist on 10 April 1995 by an order of the Secretary of State dated 31 March 1995. DATED this 19 day of April 1995 M W YOUNG - TRUSTEE IN BANKRUPTCY

Up The Creek Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 3rd May 1995 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq. A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. DATED THIS 20th April 1995 Barbara Anita De Havilland - Director

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

FANE, PAULINE MARGARET of 25 BYWATER STREET, LONDON SW3 died on 10TH NOVEMBER 1994 particulars to WINWARD FEARON & CO Solicitors of 35 BOW STREET, LONDON WC2E 7AU (Ref WGRF/PS) before 30TH JUNE 1995

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Rise in crude price lifts US oil groups

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

AMERICAN oil companies yesterday reported increased first-quarter profits, with Texaco announcing earnings up almost a third, mainly because of a rise in crude oil prices.

Texaco first-quarter profits rose to $301 million, from $202 million in the 1994 period, with earnings per share up to $1.10, from 69 cents. Revenue increased to $9.05 billion, from $7.43 billion.

Texaco said that operating earnings had benefited from increased crude oil and natural gas production in Britain, mainly in the Strathspey field. Higher crude oil production in Australia, and the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia neutral zone also boosted profits. The company said it had benefited from crude prices that averaged $14.85 a barrel, $3.83 up on a year ago. International exploration and production earnings were $82 million, up from $45 million, and exploration and production in the US had earnings of $143 million, against $75 million.

Exxon first-quarter earnings rose by 43 per cent, to $1.66 billion, or $1.33 a share, from $1.16 billion, or 92 cents, a year ago. Revenues rose to $29.78 billion, from $25.96 billion.

Mobil cited higher crude oil prices and strong sales of petrochemicals for a 19 per cent rise in first-quarter earnings. Its profit was $636 million, against $535 million in the 1994 period. Earnings per share were $1.57, up from $1.31.

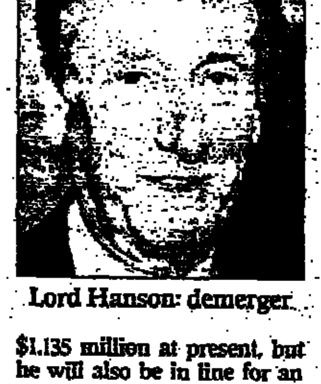
Hanson spells out options

By George Sivell

ABOUT 200 senior employees and directors of US Industries Inc, the soon-to-be-demerged arm of Hanson, the conglomerate run by Lord Hanson, will be awarded 1.86 million USI shares free, according to details sent out to shareholders yesterday.

The 200 will also be entitled to buy $45 million of options at whatever the market price is on flotation in New York. David Clarke, the chairman and chief executive of US Industries, will be entitled to buy $9 million of options and receive 509,207 free shares.

Mr Clarke will receive a base annual salary of not less than $750,000, compared with $1.135 million at present, but he will also be in line for an annual cash bonus that could double his pay for the year.



Lord Hanson: demerger

The demerger will become effective on May 31, if it is approved by Hanson shareholders at a special meeting in London on May 15.

The demerger details sent out yesterday also reveal that, because of high debts, $1.4 billion, on shareholders funds of just $375 million, there will be no US Industries dividend in the foreseeable future.

In addition, shareholders are told that because cash flow will meet only 25 per cent of the debt requirements, $500 million in the first two years of operation, assets sales will be necessary to make up the difference.

Nine of the 34 constituent companies of US Industries have been earmarked for sale.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.16
Austria Sch	16.51	15.01
Belgium Fr	[illegible]	44.07
Canada $	2.322	2.162
Cyprus Cyp£	0.747	0.692
Denmark Kr	9.32	8.62
Finland Mkk	7.44	6.79
France Fr	8.26	7.63
Germany Dm	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	378.00	351.00
Hong Kong $	13.13	12.13
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Norway Kr	10.54	9.74
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Spain Pta	205.00	192.00
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Switzerland Fr	1.95	1.77
Turkey Lira	[illegible]	[illegible]
USA $	1.712	1.582

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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Reinventing the Bank

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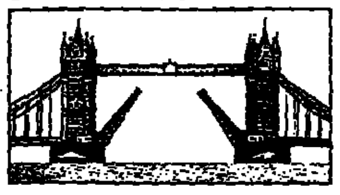

☐ SOBER City guru Roger Bootle, chief economist at Midland Global Markets, hailed the choice of deputy governor for the Bank of England as "a brilliant appointment, because Howard Davies is a brilliant man". If the man is generally approved, however, there must now be even bigger doubts over the scope of the job for which he was chosen.

Mr Davies is, through and through, a policy man, respected for matching open-minded intelligence with a strong sense of the practical. He is a superior replacement for Rupert Pennant-Rea in the role of counterweight to Eddie George: the politically congenial sparky intellectual supposedly complementing and softening the stern, highly professional central banker.

Pennington argued, on Mr Pennant-Rea's dramatic exit, that this combination was not the "dream team" originally supposed. Rather, having two people at the top who moved in the realms of monetary policy and international macro-economics left the Bank unbalanced. The Bank has gained influence under Kenneth Clarke, in this traditionally more glamorous, upper-class end of its operations. But all that could be ceded to Frankfurt within a decade.

Meanwhile, the bread and butter side of central bank operations — banking supervision and City matters — have been neglected. The failure to prevent default at Barings, though rationalised after the event, showed a further loss of authority and touch in such matters. The days when the Bank ruled the City with a nod and a wink, and felt responsible for its good name, have gone. Yet the Bank has not thought through a coherent new strategy for an age when lots of the most important City firms are foreign-owned and when many rules are made in Brussels. Senior bankers were not up to speed with derivatives. Their disapproval of banking/insurance conglomerates has been trampled in the competitive rush.

These issues, rather than high policy, should be the main interest of the Governor or his deputy if the Bank's lop-sided priorities are to be righted. If not, then the case for wresting bank regulation away from the Bank, as in Germany, is strengthened. And there should be less opposition from the Bank to something like a British equivalent of America's Securities and Exchange Commission taking over some of its status in the City.

That argument does not disappear because the Bank has netted an able man. Mr Davies frankly admitted yesterday that his knowledge of City regulation is "limited". The prospective deputy governor is doubtless capable of learning and reinventing himself as regulator and administrator. That is probably not the intention. As spokesman for industry, however, Mr Davies would surely have thought that neglect of this permanent and growing function in favour of a fleeting few years in the policy limelight was City short-termism reaching to its heart.

False logic widens the pay gap

☐ WHETHER the issue of top executives' pay is about greed or about envy depends on where you are looking from. Either way, the nub of it is that pay differentials between the exalted of business and ordinary mortals are widening. A study commissioned by the TUC on the basis of Datastream company data suggests that the average pay and bonuses of top directors more than doubled between 1984 and 1994, while the pay of their average UK employee grew by only a third.

This looks powerful ammunition for the TUC's John Monks to use to bash business. The comparisons are from similar parts of the trade cycle and the earnings of highest paid directors exclude share options and pension contributions, which have burgeoned over that period. The ratio between the earnings of the highest and lowest paid in the average quoted company has probably risen even more.

Top executives can make a big individual difference to profit performance, so shareholders want to splash out for the best. Wages for ordinary employees are a cost of trading, so must be minimised. There is nothing wrong with a star system for top managers, as market forces naturally produce in the entertainment industry and in one sport after another. Remuneration committees were supposed to prevent excess. Instead, being largely made up of executives of other companies, they have generalised star pay and conditions as the rate for the job, regardless of performance.

The TUC's proposal that trade union officials should be involved in setting directors pay is silly. But it is up to the Greenbury committee to come up with something better. Perhaps remuneration committees should be stuffed with Scottish actuaries representing financial institutions or by retired small shopkeepers as proxy private investors.

The TUC document does suggest that the issue would not be so divisive if employees' pay was not under the cosh. Low average pay rises shown reflect the degradation of many previously full-time jobs into part-time, low-paid or contract work. Trade unions would be less harsh if they set the boss's pay.

Resist this subtle trade barrier

☐ IN international trade, the European Union and Japan are usually tagged as protectionists, while America represents open trade. In reality, America is as keen to gain advantage from hidden protection, or from bullying bilateral trade deals, as any other country. For instance, US pressure on Japan to use official measures to increase imports of American goods is likely to cost many thousands of jobs in Britain, often by diverting Japanese investment in overseas manufacturing to America.

Congressional proposals to reform the Glass-Steagall Act, which separates banking from securities businesses, incorporate a subtler but equally deadly form of protectionist discrimination. Lawmakers have a reasonable desire to avoid diversified banking, securities and insurance groups relying on federal deposit insurance to underwrite their general credit standing and to allow them to take more risks at potential public expense. But the way the proposed law is framed, it would discriminate against overseas groups, especially Europe's universal banks.

This discrimination is almost certainly intentional. It may not be so easy to correct as the British Bankers Association supposes. Partly because of the US laws, bank structures are different in America. The search for a truly level playing field may therefore be fruitless. If European banks suffer no discrimination, they might have an advantage instead. That should not stop the Government and the Bank of England lobbying to stop a dangerous precedent.

Woolly thinking

☐ KEVIN Barron, Labour employment spokesman and Yorkshire MP, is furious that new Yorkshire Water charges for taking wool industry effluent will cost jobs. This is "yet another example of the privatised utilities getting it wrong". The principle that polluters should pay is easy to agree. The practical impact is harder, let alone that firms profit from cleaning Britain up as well as making it dirty.

ABF squeezed by store wars and price rises

By Susan Gilchrist

THE supermarket price wars took their toll on Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread to Silver Spoon sugar group, which reported a 4 per cent fall in profits in the first half.

Garry Weston, chairman, said that the group had been squeezed in the middle of rising raw material costs and the reluctance of supermarkets to accept price rises. "We have had to absorb a lot of pressure," he said. "Some of our costs have gone up by 15 per cent yet we have not passed on any price increases. It is tough out there."

The group made pre-tax profits of £173 million in the 24 weeks to March 4, down from £181 million in the corresponding period last year. The fall came in spite of a 9 per cent increase in sales to £2.24 billion, from £2.06 billion. Earnings per share slipped to 25.7p, from 28.5p.

The results were broadly in line with City expectations. Nevertheless, the share price, which has had a strong run in recent months, fell 16p to 638p on profit-taking.

The bottom line was also hit by a sharp reduction in the contribution from its investment in Berisford, the former commodities group that now owns Magnet, the furniture chain and Welbilt Corporation, the US commercial equipment manufacturer. Profits tumbled to £7 million, from £29 million.

ABF's British manufacturing operations, which account for almost two thirds of profits, had a mixed year. A solid performance from British Sugar and a small increase in profits from Allied Bakeries was partly offset by difficulties at Allied Mills.

Higher raw material costs also hit profits at George Weston Foods, the group's subsidiary in Australia and New Zealand. Mr Weston said, however, that conditions had improved since the end of the period.

Profits from ABF's retail operations were flat. A good performance from its Irish supermarket business failed to compensate for disappointing results from its retail textile operations.

Mr Weston said that the group was still on the lookout for acquisitions and had the capacity to fund a purchase of more than £1 billion should the right opportunity come along.

The group has targeted the Asia-Pacific region and the US as priorities. "We are looking at a range of things including sugar, baking, milling and food ingredients. Anything where we can spread our technical knowhow," said Mr Weston.

Current trading is more encouraging. Mr Weston said the group had managed to secure some small price increases to alleviate some of the pressure.

The board announced an interim dividend held at 8.5p, to be paid to shareholders on September 1.

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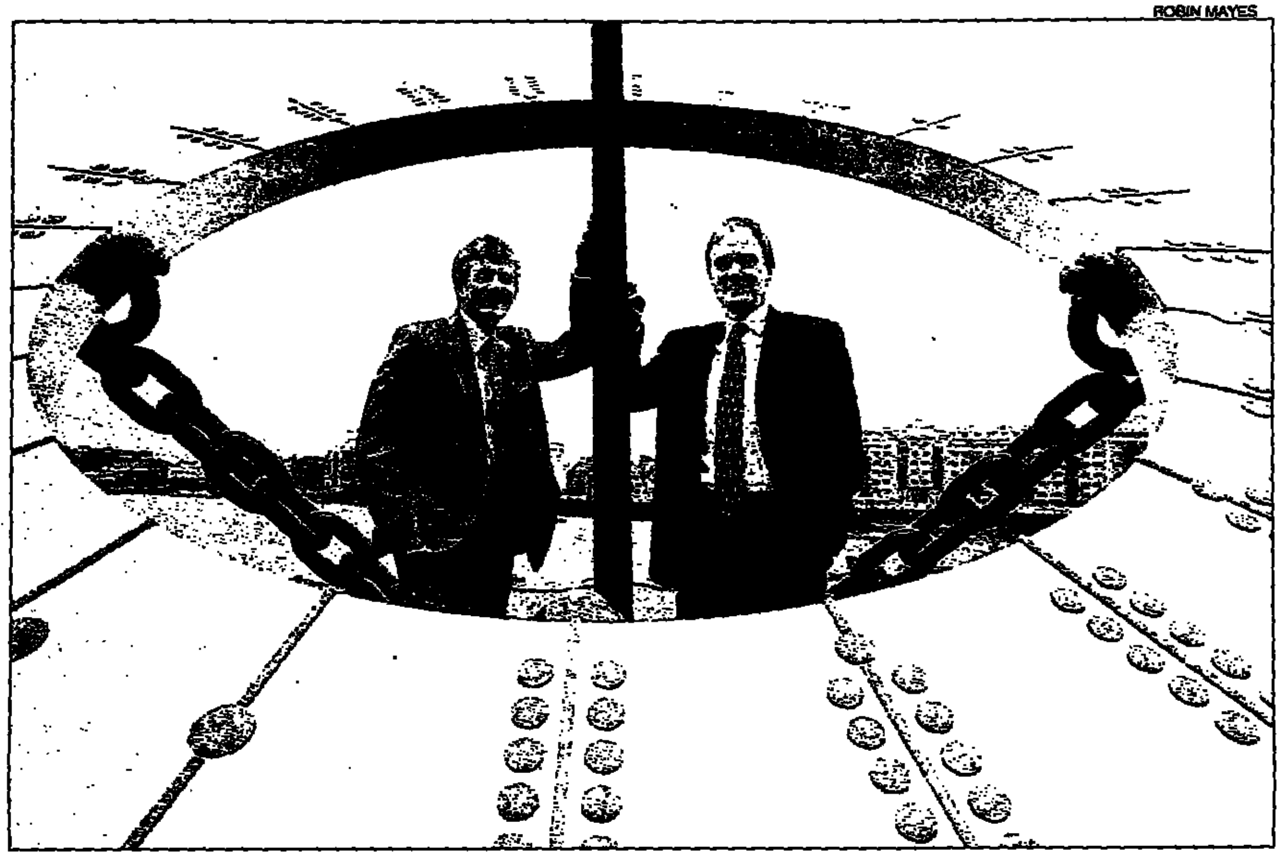
ROBIN MAYES



Howard Poulson, left, with Andrew Fisher, finance director, surveying the worldwide opportunities for Farnell Electronics

Farnell starts out on buying trail

By Martin Waller

EXPANSION at Farnell Electronics, the distribution business that has earmarked £95 million of cash in the bank for acquisitions, has started with the £6.4 million purchase of a French business. The company expects far heavier spending in the coming months.

"We now find ourselves with an exceptionally strong balance sheet and a strong board," said Richard Hanwell, the chairman. "These resources of management and cash are going to be invested in new growth opportunities in our core businesses around the world."

Farnell was reporting another strong year of profit and dividend growth. At the taxable level, profits went ahead by £10.1 million to £59.2 million, including a £2.9 million loss from a disposal in the year to January 29.

A final dividend of 5.2p makes a 9p total, 22 per cent ahead from 7.4p last time. Earnings per share, adjusted for exceptionals, were 27 per cent higher at 30.9p.

The French purchase, Spelec, is an electrical component distributor with annual sales of £14.5 million. The price will come out of Farnell's cash pile gained from the sale of the manufacturing side earlier this year.

Howard Poulson, the chief executive, said the new year had seen a strong start, with UK demand resilient and European markets buoyant.

Mr Hanwell added: "We're not under any dramatic pressure to invest. I'm confident that we can deliver yet again record figures without investing any of these proceeds."

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ShareLink 'will break even'

By Patricia Tehan

SHARELINK Investment Services, the telephone-based stockbroker that has recommended a 235p-a-share takeover offer from US discount broker Charles Schwab, has said it will break even for the year to March 31.

The forecast was contained in the offer document posted to shareholders yesterday by the boards of ShareLink and Charles Schwab. It also detailed their reasons for recommending the offer.

The company is expected to break even after receiving net interest income of £1 million from its operating activities. The breakeven compares with pre-tax profits of £6.2 million in the previous year, but ShareLink had made losses of £468,000 in the six months to September 30.

This estimate also includes a pre-tax contribution, before the allocation of central overheads, of £500,000 related to the offerings, on behalf of the Treasury, of shares of PowerGen and National Power, which took place last month. Opposition has been growing to the offer terms from the US broker, valuing the firm at £29.7 million. The price on offer is 15p below ShareLink's flotation price.

In a letter to shareholders, Richard Fielding, ShareLink's chairman, said the market for direct personal financial services was changing rapidly and the firm had experienced a greater level of competition from independent brokers and large financial institutions. He said: "Providers of these services are faced not only with a need to invest in the infrastructure of their businesses but also to react promptly to a changing competitive and industry framework."

He said private investors' confidence had been undermined and client dealing volumes depressed by "the absence of any recognisable upward trend in the stock market". The board had to review its options "having concluded that the level of profits capable of being generated from the existing activities in the medium term could well be insufficient to sustain the pace of . . . development as well as paying a satisfactory level of dividend".

He said the firm investigated joint venture or partnership arrangements. While this review was under way, Charles Schwab stepped in. The price represented a premium of 62 per cent over the middle market price of 145p at the close on March 3, a month before the announcement of the offer. He said Charles Schwab had received acceptences in respect of 14.64 per cent of shares from the directors and their families.

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Profit warning hits Cray stock

By Martin Barrow

CRAY ELECTRONICS, whose directors received a £27 million share bonus for rebuilding the company, saw its stock plunge yesterday after the board gave warning of a severe shortfall in profits in the current year.

The shares collapsed to 79p from 155p after Roger Holland, chairman, revealed profits would be "much below market expectations". Profits before tax in the first half were £10 million; in the second, they would barely reach breakeven before restructuring charges put at £5 million.

Cray, which earned profits of £26.2 million in the previous financial year, blamed problems at Cray Communications, the biggest division, discovered during the course of a review of trading after the departure of the division's chief executive.

Mr Holland said these problems were caused by management's failure to control the phasing of increased costs and investment in line with profitability. There had also been delays in manufacturing, and the division had failed to deliver certain products on time.

Mr Holland said the company's problems had started "when a very ambitious plan for growth was put into effect". While Cray's costs rose, the expected profits were not delivered and this escalating crisis "was not made known to the board until well into the year". Jon Richards, group chief executive, has assumed responsibility for the division.

In July 1993, Mr Holland and Mr Richards, together with Sir Peter Michael, a former chairman, and Jeff Harrison, finance director, received a £27 million all-share bonus as part of a complex three-phase incentive scheme put in place when they came on board in 1989.

Sir Peter is believed to have sold his entire holding in August 1993 at 140p a share, raising about £12.6 million before expenses. Other directors have retained their shares.

Holland: "control failure"

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Woolmakers resist rise in water bills

By Eric Reguly

MORE than 30 wool companies have decided to withhold payment of a new charge imposed on industrial companies by Yorkshire Water unless the utility group can justify the fee (See Pennington, this page).

The threat comes after several years of increasingly acrimonious relations between Yorkshire Water and the wool industry, which employs about 25,000 in its region. The Confederation of British Wool Textiles says that charges on the industry for water supply and effluent treatment have risen faster than the rate of inflation for at least the past four years.

On top of that, Yorkshire has imposed a "reception" fee on all industrial companies in its region. Yorkshire says that the fee, whose first payment is due in October, will help to pay for maintaining pipes that carry the effluent, laden with toxins from chemicals used in sheep dip, moth-proofing and dyeing, from wool mills to the treatment plant. The fee is being phased in over five years.

One wool company, Brook Dyeing, says that the reception fee will add £240,000 a year to its effluent treatment bill of £180,000.

Bob Clarke, the director-general of the wool confederation, said: "We are not arguing that the polluter should not pay, but we do wonder about the imposition of a charge just to flow the effluent down the pipes. If Yorkshire can justify the fee, we will pay."

The 30 or so companies that threaten to withhold payment represent more than 80 per cent of the industry. Mr Clarke said the levy could put marginal mills out of business.

Kevin Barron, chairman of the Yorkshire group of Labour MPs, said: "On top of the scandalous treatment of customers and employees, the privatised utilities are now damaging British industry."

Yorkshire accuses the wool industry of making little effort to reduce water consumption and chemical pollution. "Rather than resolve the problem, they issue misleading press releases," a spokesman said.

Yorkshire argues that 12 per cent of the effluent it purifies is from industry, but industry pays only about 1 per cent of treatment costs.

Woolmakers claim Yorkshire Water is fleecing them

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Associated British Foods

INTERIM RESULTS 1995

"Worldwide sales up 9 per cent to £2,248 million.
Operating profit up 4 per cent to £153 million.
Cash reserves up £42 million after investing almost £200 million in new assets and £80 million in new subsidiaries for our existing businesses."

Garry Weston, *Chairman*

	24 weeks to 4 March 1995 £ millions	24 weeks to 5 March 1994 £millions
Operating profit	153	147
Profit before taxation	173	181
Ordinary Shareholders' Funds	2,156	1,994
Earning per share	25.7p	28.5p

The full unaudited interim statement for the 24 weeks to the 4 March 1995 was posted to shareholders on the 24 April 1995.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Strength in futures keeps shares buoyant

BROKERS were full of praise for the equity market last *night after it displayed* an impressive resilience that carried it back above the 3,200 *level. After suffering an early* fall of more than 23 points in response to some disappointing *German money supply* figures, it bounced back in late trading, sporting modest *gains at the close.*

The FT-SE 100 Index made the most of a futures inspired *rally, ending at its best of the* day with a rise of 9.4 points at 3,209.3. This was in spite of *growing speculation about an* imminent rise in interest rates, with economists at Lloyds Bank *forecasting a rise of a* full percentage point to 7¾ per cent before the year end.

Trading conditions generally remained thin, with just 520 million shares changing hands by the close of business. Investors were keeping an anxious eye on events in New York as the G7 *meeting* got underway, but as traders pointed out, there was not a *seller in sight* and this helped to underpin market confidence.

Friday's near 40-point surge in the Dow Jones average is giving many fund managers cause for concern. They are worried that London may be dragged higher in New York's wake and are reluctant to part with stock.

Abbey National created a stir in late trading by confirming recent speculation that it plans to hit the takeover trail. The group has confirmed it is seeking merger talks with the National and Provincial *building society and is prepared to* offer its members a substantial premium if such a move is achieved. Abbey National said it had spoken to N&P at the time of its aborted merger *talks with rival* Leeds Permanent Building Society. The Abbey share price finished 11p *better at 480p.*

Cray Electronics was the biggest casualty of the day as *its price virtually halved, with* a fall of 76p to 79p, or 49 per cent, after issuing a profits *warning. The group said that* profits for the full year will fall much short of market expectations. *In the first six months* the group made pre-tax profits of £10 million. The second half *should break even before re*structuring costs.

The warning follows a *review of its Cray Communica*tions subsidiary, which has been hit by rising costs and investment, and product delays. The company blamed senior management for the problems at Cray Communications, which specialises in data communications. The problems at Cray also dragged **Racal Electronics** 8p lower at 240p. Racal has its own data communications operation.

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Glaxo rose 19p after a patent victory over Novopharm

Glaxo received a boost to its prospects with the news that it had won its long-running legal battle in the US over the patent of its best selling anti-ulcer drug Zantac. The challenge came from Novopharm, the Canadian drugs company and the verdict means that Novopharm will be prevented *from* including a key ingredient in its ulcer treatment for seven years. The shares celebrated *with a rise of 19p to* 735p as more than 9 million changed hands.

The City was already aware that **Associated British Foods** would be hard-pressed to exceed last year's pre-tax profit of £181 million at the halfway stage, but the subsequent drop to £173 million left the shares 16p lower at 638p. The group blamed persistent pressure on margins and made it clear that the price wars would continue to put margins under pressure. The only bright spot was the performance of British Sugar. The dividend was maintained.

Hanson firmed 2¾p to 238¼p as it began setting out details of the proposed *demerger of 34 of its business*es, which will be formed to make up US Industries. Each *shareholder will receive one* share in US Industries for every 100 shares held in Hanson. Shares in the new company will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. *Hanson has called an extraor*dinary general meeting to aprove the move for May 15.

***ShareLink**, the telephone* executed private stockbroking business, eased 3p to 234p *after forecasting a breakeven* situation for the year to March. The forecast was con*tained in the official* offer document sent out to shareholders following the near £40 *million* bid from Charles Schwab, the discount broker. Sharelink said the figures would contain a £500,000 profit relating to the recent flotation of the Government's remaining 40 per cent stakes in National Power and PowerGen.

McKechnie celebrated better than expected first-half figures with a rise of 6p to 425½p. Pre-tax profits were 54 per cent higher at £20.2 million, boosted by three new acquisitions, Linread, Apax and Phipps International. Shareholders were rewarded with a jump in the interim dividend of 10 per cent to 5½p.

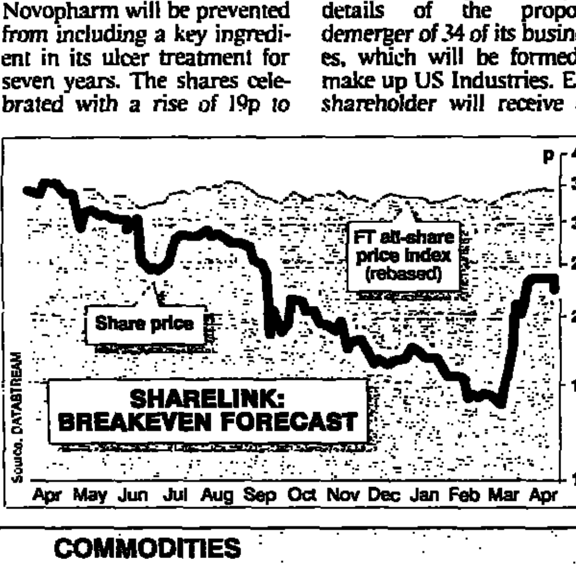
Wolseley, the builders' merchant, firmed 4p to 339p, cheered by a recommendation from NatWest Securities, the brokers. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, stockbroker, was singing the praises of Barratt Developments, unchanged at 174p, and Beazer Homes, down 1p to 136p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices made a cautious start as traders attempted to absorb the latest money supply figures, which initially made poor reading. The market later regained its poise but failed to attract much in the way of support with investors *waiting to see the outcome of* the latest G7 speech by the Chancellor in New York.

In futures, the June series of the Long Gilt finished a tick better at £104⅛ in pitifully thin *trading, which saw just* 25,000 contracts completed. Trading conditions left a lot to be *desired among conventional* issues, with Treasury 8 per cent 2013 down $^1/_{32}$ at £97$^3/_{32}$*, while at the shorter* end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks lower at £98$^{27}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** On Wall Street, shares resisted selloff *pressures and at midday the* Dow Jones industrial average was 4,271.12 points, up 1.03.

Rothmans International firmed 1p to 609p after last week's acquisition by Mercury Asset Management of 4.7 million shares on news that Richemont wanted to bid 625p a share. Mercury now holds 10.3 per cent and may be among those who want the terms to include Rothmans' gross dividend of 13p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	4271.12 (+1.03)
S&P Composite	509.31 (+0.82)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	16804.05 (-164.19)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	8625.55 (-19.84)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	408.61 (+0.19)

Sydney:

AO	1999.1 (-1.8)

Frankfurt:

DAX	1976.21 (-0.43)

Singapore:

Straits	2085.55 (+6.05)

Brussels:

General	7267.82 (+36.66)

Paris:

CAC-40	1918.51 (-9.86)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	Closed

London:

FT 30	2434.5 (-1.4)
FT 100	3209.3 (+9.4)
FT-SE Mid 250	3497.8 (-7.3)
FT-SE-A 350	1592.3 (+2.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1281.08 (-5.37)
FT A All-Share	1571.79 (+2.64)
FT Non Financials	1696.62 (+3.10)
FT Fixed Interest	111.25 (+0.13)
FT Govt Secs	92.07 (-0.34)
Bargains	23285
SEAQ Volume	602.3m
USM (Datastrm)	151.64 (+0.21)
US$	*1.6075 (-0.0007)*
German Mark	2.2023 (-0.0090)
Exchange Index	84.2 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	*1.1949*
£:SDR	*1.0187*
RPI	147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Biocomp Intl (170)	171	...
British Aero Uts p/p	701	-1
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dallywin (128)	129	+1
Datrontech (130)	155	...
For/Col Spec Uts (100)	100	...
Geared Inc IT (100)	98	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	177	-1
PTS Group (90)	96	...
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	190	-1
Precoat Intl (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	307	-9
Schroder Inc Gth Fund	103	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	30	...
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	98½	...
Superframe Wts	7	...
Vision Group (97)	140	-5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bolton Group n/p (23)	½	...
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	6½	...
Inspec Group n/p (175)	46	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Abbey Natl	480p (+11p)
SG Warburg	751p (+8p)
Molins	575p (+10p)
Booker	399p (+11p)
Glaxo	735p (+19p)
Wellcome	1063p (+8p)
Tibbet & Brttn	653p (+15p)
Photobition	170p (+7p)
Boots	*509p (+8p)*

FALLS:

Laporte	697p (-7p)
Takeda Chem	804p (-59½p)
Broken Hill	883p (-13p)
Charter	804p (-11p)
Cray Elect	79p (-76p)
Racal Elect	240p (-8p)
Wakebourne	45p (-17p)
AB Food	638p (-16p)
Br Airways	*401p (-7p)*
P & O Dfd	564p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Sour dough

LIFE for Britain's food manufacturers is still tough and the milling and baking sector, where Associated British Foods operates, must be *one of the toughest.*

ABF is a big player but economies of scale are not enough to fend off price pressures when the customers — the major food retailers — are determined to sell bread at cost or less. ABF's underlying operating profits rose only 4 per cent despite a 9 per cent rise in sales. There were reorganisation costs but the bulk of the problem lay with the squeeze on margins as raw material costs rose but selling prices didn't.

In a tough trading climate, there was some good news. British Sugar made progress as did its Irish food retailing business, although the recent arrival of J Sainsbury in Northern Ireland may present problems going forward.

But the biggest competitive advantage ABF has over its rivals is its cash mountain, which stood at £398 million at the end of the first half, up from £356 million a year ago. This gives the group plenty of scope for acquisitions and the return on those funds is considerably *better than* last year when a weak gilt market cut the rate to about 1 per cent. The improvment in investment income helped offset some of *the damage from the* sharp fall in profits from the group's investment in Berisford.

But ABF needs to show profits growth from its core businesses rather than its treasury operations. Meanwhile ABF's aggressive rival, Tomkins, has been increasing its investment in baking. Until margin pressure eases or ABF writes a big cheque, the shares will be as dull as a sliced white loaf.

Cray Electronics

UNTIL yesterday, Cray Electronics investors were waiting for comforting news of £33 million of profits from directors, who it now emerges collected £27 million in 1993 in bonuses for turning round Cray, a once ailing company.

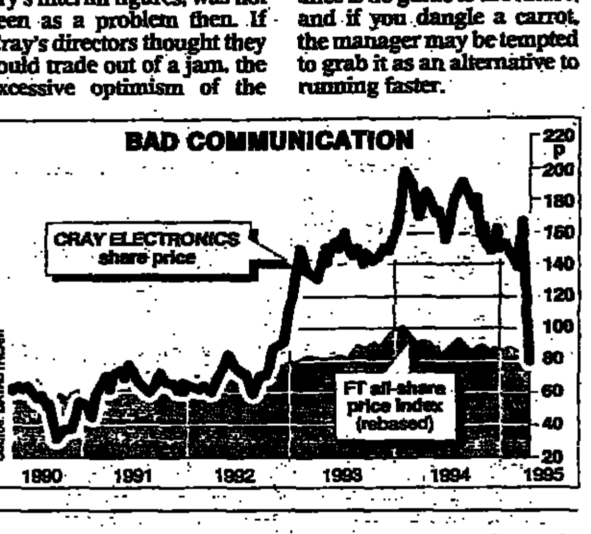
Past performance has been exemplary and yesterday, those directors, minus Sir Peter Michael, were at pains to explain how the overweening ambition of subordinates had brought the happy Cray charabanc to a shuddering halt.

Sackings will cost a one-off £5 million, but more important is the loss of control over production and expenditure.

Excess spending on marketing cost £5 million while late production cost £14 million in profits. All, apparently, because the board was not kept informed.

No explanation was offered yesterday as to why the huge build-up in working capital, so apparent in January's interim figures, was not seen as a problem then. If Cray's directors thought they could trade out of a jam, the excessive optimism of the sacked managers looks like a general problem.

The prevailing management culture of big bonuses for big performance carries a risk. In management, as in share prices, past performance is no guide to the future, and if you dangle a carrot, the manager may be tempted to grab it as an alternative to running faster.



Farnell

THE question for Farnell is not whether it can afford to expand, it is whether it can spend the money fast enough. The main area targeted for purchases is the high-margin, low-volume catalogue distribution business in North America, still dominated by small businesses ripe for acquisition. The sums Farnell reckons it can *spend* — £40-£50 million over a two-year period in the US and another £10-£20 *million in Europe* — roughly equate to cash flow of £35 million last year.

But since the sale at the end of March of the manufacturing business, it has £95 *million of fresh cash to invest.* This would earn 6-6.5 per cent in the bank: its existing distri*bution businesses can look for* a return of 15 per cent or more in some areas.

The only other avenues for growth are the development of the high-volume, low-mar*gin side, a market where* expansion will be by its very nature slow. A third option is the widening of the product range: branching out into another allied distribution field such as sensors or other devices for manufacturing processes, but this is long-term.

Profits for the current year of £75 million before tax leave the shares, which have always traded at a premium of 20 per cent or so to the market average, on a reasonable 16 times earnings. More important, profits for next *year will rely on the rate of* expansion achieved.

ShareLink

SHARELINK painted a suit*ably gloomy picture of its* future as an independent company yesterday aimed at *justifying the decision to* "pool" its expertise with American bidder Charles *Schwab. Unfortunately, the* pool party does not include existing shareholders who *are left excluded* at 235p, 15p less than the flotation price.

Sharelink says it needs more money to compete in a tougher world but no sums are mentioned and little is said of recent heavy investment. That the company has been able to break even after a wretched market in the second half suggests that more can be made of the business, and Stock Exchange figures show a recent improvement in volumes, the key to ShareLink's business. Last month, UK equity transactions showed strong growth, *more than doubling from* 32,000 on March 1 to 65,000 at the end of the month. Total bargains struck were almost 1,062,000 compared with 651,000 six months ago in October 1994.

Predicting transaction volume on the Stock Exchange is *about as easy is betting on the* FT-SE 100 but the trend appears to be up, and, at present, ShareLink investors have insufficient information to make a judgment on the Schwab *bid, which looks more oppor*tunistic every day.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	961-960	Jul	1072-1070
Jul	985-984	Sep	1084-1080
Sep	1004-1003	Dec	1098-1095
Dec	1027-1026	Mar	1112-1110
Mar	1049-1048		
May	*1060-1059*		*Volume: 5531*

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3200-3195	Jan	3125-3120
Jul	3195-3190	Mar	3110-3100
Sep	3157-3155	May	3100-3090
Nov	3143-3138		Volume: 3486

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	304.5-303
Spot: 296.5		May	304.3-02.9
Aug	345.5-44.5	Aug	301.9-01.7
Oct	312.5-11.5	Oct	289.7-85.7
Dec	306.0-05.0		Volume: 2098

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	88.75	131.56	122.17
(+/-)	n/c	-0.57	-0.23
Eng/Wales:	88.75	133.21	121.95
(+/-)	n/c	n/c	+1.18
(%)	n/c	n/c	n/c
Scotland:	unq	117.75	123.47
(+/-)		-14.34	-0.73
(%)		-11.0	+44.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.15	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.65	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.15	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.20	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.85	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas 15	B: 198 (n/c)	O: 200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	166 (n/c)	168 (n/c)
Non EEC IH May	164 (+5)	165 (+5)
Non EEC IH Jun	160 (+2)	162 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	106 (n/c)	108 (n/c)
Naphtha	174 (+1)	176 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	158.75-59.00	Aug	156.75-57.00
Jun	156.75-57.00	Sep	158.00-58.25
Jul	*156.00-56.25*		*Vol. 19433*

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.62-18.64	Sep	17.64-17.68
Jul	18.17-18.19	Oct	17.48 BID
Aug	17.86-17.88		Vol. 31170

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
May	119.25	May	111.75
Jul	120.95	Sep	103.25
Sep	104.40	Nov	104.70
Nov	105.35	Jan	106.65
Jan	107.40	Mar	108.40
Volume: 261		*Volume: 39*	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
May	315.0	310.5
Apr	123.5	119.0
May	unq	135.0
		Volume: 92

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

May	*117.25-117.75*

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 95	2330	2321	2325
May 95	2332	2300	2332
Jun 95	2220	2190	2230
Jul 95	2035	2000	2036

Vol. 266 lots Open interest: 4646

Index 2310 +11

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2861.0-2862.0	2843.0-2844.0	1659325
Lead ($/tonne)	624.00-625.00	635.50-636.00	222525
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1073.0-1074.0	1094.5-1095.0	423700
Tin ($/tonne)	6055.0-6060.0	6055.0-6060.0	23270
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1885.0-1886.0	1977.0-1978.0	1540950
Nickel ($/tonne)	7400.0-7410.0	7545.0-7550.0	86264

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom	500	36½	41½	48½	11	15	22
(*529½)	550	9	17	24½	40	42	48
Argyll	280	16	22	26	11½	15	18½
(*287)	300	7½	13	17½	24½	27	30
ASDA	70	11½	12½	13½	1	2	3
(*79½)	80	5	6½	8	4½	6	7
Boots	500	21½	31½	37½	17	21	24½
(*508½)	550	3½	12	17	52½	54	56
Br Airways	390	34	32½	39½	15	19½	23½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	30	38½	45½	9½	13½	17½
(*478½)	500	10	19	26	31	34½	38
Thames W	460	38	41	45½	10	16	21
(*490)	500	12	20	25	32½	37	42
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	42	52	56½	1	9	12
(*459½)	460	11	25	32	9½	24	25½
BTR	330	7½	18½	23½	6	11½	17½
(*331)	360	0½	7	11	29	31	39½

Series		Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	460	30½	37½	48½	5½	13	16½
(*480)	500	9½	19	28	25½	33	36
Amstrad	175	14½	—	—	4	—	—
(*184)	200	3½	8	12	18	23½	23
Barclays	600	50	62	77½	5	15	20½
(*639)	650	18	32	45	23½	36½	42
Blue Circ	280	20	28	33	6	11	15
(*291½)	300	9	17½	22	15	21	24½
Br Gas	300	10½	17	20½	8½	12½	17½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 71239	Jun 95	3220.0	3222.0	3182.0	3217.0	13725
	Sep 95				3238.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest 4285	Jun 95	3520.0	3520.0	3520.0	3515.0	2
	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 403059	Jun 95	92.88	92.88	92.83	92.86	15552
	Sep 95	92.45	92.45	92.40	92.42	9019
	Dec 95	92.13	92.14	92.10	92.12	3211
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1169	Jun 95				93.73	0
	Sep 95				93.62	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 693291	Jun 95	95.37	95.37	95.35	95.37	12294
	Sep 95	95.20	95.23	95.15	95.23	32336
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 97948	Jun 95	104-05	104-06	103-23	104-04	24961
	Sep 95				103-24	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	116.51	116.81	116.58	116.59	2643
	Sep 95	115.89	115.89	115.70	115.64	545
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 180760	Jun 95	92.65	92.76	92.24	92.70	97776
	Sep 95	92.10	92.10	91.76	92.15	27
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 18688	Jun 95	93.50	93.64	93.48	93.56	1345
	Sep 95	93.44	93.58	93.43	93.50	512
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 41755	Jun 95	96.46	96.47	96.40	96.42	1401
	Sep 95	96.34	96.25	96.30	96.31	658
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 46649	Jun 95	93.60	93.73	93.25	93.50	23504
	Sep 95	92.65	92.65	92.65	92.85	2

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⅜ ; 3 mth 6½ . Sell: 2 mth 6⅜ ; 3 mth: 6½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⅜-6¼	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅞-7¾

Overnight: open 5¾ close 7 .

Local Authority Deps:	6⅜	n/a	6⅝	7	7½
Sterling CDs:	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7-6⅞	7½-7⅜
Dollar CDs:	*6.00*	*n/a*	*6.08*	*6.21*	*6.45*
Building Society CDs:	6¼-6⅛	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6½	7⅛-7	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.67%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅜-6¼	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4⅝-4½	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	5-4
French Franc:	9½-7½	8½-7½	8½-7½	8-7½	8½-6½
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3⅝-3½	3½-2½
Yen:	1½-1¼	1½-1¼	1⁷⁄₁₆-1⁵⁄₁₆	1⅜-1¼	1½-¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.60-391.00 Close: $391.00-391.50 High: $391.60-392.10
Low: $390.20-390.70 AM: $391.05 PM: $390.65

Krugerrand: $394.00-396.00 (£244.50-246.50)

Platinum: $443.40 (£274.40) Silver: $5.70 (£3.545) Palladium: $165.50 (£102.40)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4658-2.4879	2.4700-2.4735	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Brussels	45.14-45.74	45.14-45.25	6-3pr	16-9pr
Copenhagen	8.6750-8.7340	8.6780-8.6920	¼-½ds	¼-1½ds
Dublin	0.9815-0.9847	0.9819-0.9844	1-5ds	2-6ds
Frankfurt	2.2078-2.2224	2.2055-2.2086	½-⅜pr	1½-1pr
Lisbon	233.39-235.24	233.39-234.03	61-99ds	185-250ds
Madrid	197.32-198.45	197.49-197.77	41-49ds	128-141ds
Milan	2729.70-2774.50	2729.70-2739.50	9-13ds	26-33ds
Montreal	2.1847-2.2131	2.1847-2.1877	0.26-0.38ds	0.50-0.64ds
New York	1.6010-1.6208	1.6010-1.6020	0.03-0.01pr	0.20-0.17pr
Oslo	9.9220-9.9970	9.9290-9.9640	[illegible]	[illegible]

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3764-1.3783
Austria	9.60-9.61
Belgium (Com)	28.08-28.11
Canada	1.3709-1.3714
Denmark	5.3822-5.3842
France	4.8327-4.8342
Germany	1.3655-1.3665
Hong Kong	7.7335-7.7340
Ireland	1.6420-1.6440
Italy	1710.50-1711.50
Japan	83.10-83.20
Malaysia	2.4575-2.4585
Netherlands	1.5302-1.5307
Norway	6.1625-6.1675
Portugal	144.66-144.76
Singapore	1.3925-1.3930
Spain	122.44-122.54
Sweden	7.4130-7.4230
Switzerland	1.1300-1.1310

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6153-1.6180
Australia dollar	2.2239-2.2268
Bahrain dinar	0.604-0.616
Brazil real*	1.4779-1.4822
China yuan	13.15 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.6976-0.7075
Finland markka	6.790-6.906
Greece drachma	355.75-362.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.4896-12.4981
India rupee	50.34-51.30
Indonesia rupiah	3570.00-3683.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4655-0.4755
Malaysia ringgit	3.9689-3.9729
New Zealand dollar	2.4024-2.4056
Pakistan rupee	49.5695 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.005-6.131
Singapore dollar	2.2497-2.2512
S Africa rand (com)	5.7980-5.8041
U A E dirham	5.880-6.004

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	258	Legal & Gn	718
ASDA Gp	4,700	Lloyds Bk	3,000
Abbey Natl	3,400	MEPC	373
Alld Dom	1,700	Marks Spr	5,000
Argyll Gp	5,400	NatWst Bk	2,500
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Nat Power	1,600
AB Foods	405	Nth Wst W	651
BAA	1,200	P & O	1,400
BAT Inds	2,900	Pearson	912
BOC	928	PowerGen	1,300
BP	5,300	Prudential	5,300
BTR	5,600	RMC	551
BT	*11,000*	*RTZ*	*1,400*
Bk of Scot	2,200	Rank Org	2,500
Barclays	2,600	Reckitt Col	250
Bass	596	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	*1,300*	*Reed Intl*	*1,000*
Boots	1,500	Rentokil	1,200
Bowater	604	Reuters	1,700
Brit Aero	593	Rolls Royce	3,600
Brit Airwys	3,400	*Ryl Ins*	*1,600*
Brit Gas	4,100	Ryl Bk Scot	573
Brit Steel	6,300	Sainsbury	1,500
Burmah Cstl	117	Schroders	284
Cable Wire	2,200	Scot & New	599
Cadbury	1,100	Scot Power	2,500
Caradon	848	Sears	6,100
Carlton Cms	668	Svrn Trent	317
Cm Union	1,400	Shell Trans	3,100
Courtaulds	463	Siebe	152
De La Rue	452	SmKl Bch	3,600
Eastern Elec	399	Smith Nph	1,600
Enterpr Oil	1,200	Sthern Elec	899
Forte	*3,100*	*Std Chartd*	*2,100*
GKN	699	Sun Allnce	2,500
GRE	2,600	TI Gp	5,700
GUS	1,500	TSB	3,900
Gen Acc	*994*	*Tate & Lyle*	*1,700*
Gen Elec	3,300	Tesco	8,300
Glaxo	10,000	Thames W	468
Granada	2,000	Thm EMI	570
Grand Met	2,700	Tomkins	2,900
Guinness	2,500	Unilever	1,400

WALL STREET

	Apr 24 midday	Apr 21 close
AMP Inc	40½	40
AMR Corp	65⅛	64½
AT & T	48⅝	49⅛
Abbott Labs	38⅜	37⅞
Advanced Micro	34⅛	33⅞
Aetna Life	56½	59⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	51¼	51⅛
Alberson's	32	31⅞
Alcan Aluminm	28	27⅞
Alco Standard	71½	71½
Allied Signal	39⅝	39⅞
Alum Co of Am	45⅞	44½
Amax Gold Inc	5⅞	5⅞
Amerada Hess	50⅞	50⅞
Amer Brands	38½	38⅝
Amer El Power	32⅞	32⅞
Amer Express	34⅞	34⅞
Amer Genl Corp	32½	32½
Amer Home Pr	77	76⅞
Amer Intl	104⅞	103⅞
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	43⅞	44⅛
Amoco	64⅛	63⅞
Anheuser-Busch	58⅞	58⅝
Apple Computer	39⁷⁄₁₆	39⅛
Archer Daniels	18⅜	18⅞
Armco	7⅝	7⅛
Armstrng Wrld	43⅞	43⅝
Asarco	27⅝	26⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅝	37⅝
Atl Richfield	116⅛	115½
Auto Data Pro	63⅛	62⅞
Avery Dennison	39⅝	39⅛
Avon Products	64⅝	64⅝
Baker Hughes	22⅜	22⅝
Baltim Gas & El	23⅜	23⅜
Banc One	29⅞	29⅞
BankAmerica	49⅝	50
Bank of NY	31⅛	31⅛
Bankers Tr NY	53⅞	53⅞
Barnett Banks	45⅞	45⅝
Bausch & Lomb	39⅜	39⅜
Baxter Intl	33⅝	33⅞
Bectn Dickson	56⅝	55⅞
Bell Atlantic	57⅞	53⅞
Bell Industries	20⅝	21
BellSouth	60⅞	60⅞
Black & Decker	30⅛	30⅝
Block (H&R)	41½	41⅛
Boeing	55⅝	55⅞
Boise Cascade	31½	31⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	65	65
Browning Ferris	33⅞	33⅜
Brunswick	20⅞	20⅝
Burlington Nthn	59	59⅝
CBS	61½	61½
CNA Financial	75	74⅞

	Apr 24 midday	Apr 21 close
Enron Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Entergy	21⅝	21⅝
Ethyl Corp	10⅝	10⅝
Exxon	69⅝	69⅝
FMC Corp	60⅛	60
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	67⅝	67⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	84⅝	84⅞
First Chicago	54⅝	54⅝
First Interstate	75⅝	75½
First Union Rlty	7⅝	7⅝
Fleet Fnl Grp	32⅞	32⅞
Fluor Corp	48⅞	48⅝
Ford Motor	27⅛	27
GTE Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Gannett	52⅝	52⅞
Gap Inc Del	32½	32
Gen Dynamics	46⅛	46⅞
Gen Electric	54⅝	55
Gen Mills	60⅞	60⅞
Gen Motors	43⅝	43⅝
Gen Reinsurance	129⅞	128⅞
Gen Signal	36⅞	37⅛
Genuine Parts	39⅞	39⅝
Georgia Pac	78⅝	78⅝
Gillette	81⅝	82
Glaxo ADR	22⅞	22⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46	46⅛
Goodyear Tire	37⅝	37⅝
Grace (W&R)	52⅞	52
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24⅝	24½
Great West Fin	20⅞	20⅞
Halliburton	39⅝	39⅝
Harcourt General	38⅞	38⅝
Heinz (HJ)	42⅝	42⅞
Hercules	49	49⅞
Hershey Foods	53⅞	53⅝
Hewlett Packard	64⅛	64⅛
Hilton Hotels	76⅝	75⅞
Home Depot	42⅛	41⅝
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	38⅝	38½
Household Intl	46⅞	45⅞
Houston Inds	39⅝	39½
Humana	21½	21⅞
ITT Corp	105	106⅞
Illinois Tool	49⅝	49⅞
Illinova	23⅞	23⅞
INCO	28⅞	28
Ingersoll Rand	35⅝	35⅞
Inland Steel	27⅝	27⅞
Intel Corp	93	92⅞
IBM	92⅝	91⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	50⅞	50⅞
Intl Paper	74½	74
James River Va	26	26⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	69⅛	63⅞
Kellogg	63	63⅞

	Apr 24 midday	Apr 21 close
PPG Industries	38⅞	38⅝
PNC Bank	25⅞	25⅛
Paccar Inc	42⅞	42⅞
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	24⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	26½	26⅛
Pac Telesis	30⅞	30
Pall Corp	22⅞	22⅝
Panhandle East	23⅞	23⅞
Parker Hannifin	52⅝	51⅞
Peco Energy	25⅝	25⅞
Penney (JC)	44⅝	43⅝
Pennzoil	49⅝	49⅞
Pepsico	41⅛	41⅛
Pfizer	86⅞	85⅞
Phelps Dodge	55⅞	54⅞
Philip Morris	67⅛	67⅞
Phillips Pet	35⅞	35⅞
Pitney Bowes	36⅝	36⅞
Polaroid	34⅝	34⅛
PriceCostco	15	15⅛
Procter & Gmbl	69	69⅝
Providian	34⅞	33⅞
Pub Serv E & G	27⅞	27⅞
Quaker Oats	35	35⅛
Ralston Purina	47	47⅞
Raychem Corp	35⅞	35⅞
Raytheon	69⅞	70⅝
Reebok Intl	32	32
Reynolds Metals	50⅛	49⅞
Roadway Srvs	46⅝	46⅝
Rockwell Intl	43⅝	43⅝
Rohm & Haas	57⅝	57½
Royal Dutch	122⅝	122⅝
Rubbermaid	30	30⅛
Safeco Corp	55¹⁵⁄₁₆	56⅛
St Paul's Cos	50⅞	50⅞
Salomon Inc	34⅞	34⅞
Santa Fe Pac	22⅞	12⅞
Sara Lee Corp	28⅞	28
Scecorp	16⅛	16
Schering Plough	77	77⅝
Schlumberger	63⅞	63⅞
Scott Paper	88⅞	88⅞
Seagram	26⅞	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	54⅞	53⅞
Shell Trans	70⅝	70⅝
Sherwin Wllms	33⅞	33⅞
Skyline Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Snap-On-Tools	36⅞	35⅞
Southern Co	20⅞	21½
Sthwestern Bell	43⅞	43½
Sprint Corp	31½	31½
Stanley Works	40⅞	40⅞
Sun Company	30⅞	30⅛
Sun Microsys	37⅞	37⅞
Suntrust	54	54⅞
Supervalu	25⅞	25⅞

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

There in 1926 and there now

THE Worshipful Company of Plaisterers, which was granted its first Royal Charter by Henry VII in 1501, is holding a very special dinner for one of its own on Thursday night. The most worthy guest of honour is Henry Mott, the livery company's clerk, whose family connections with the Plaisterers go back nearly 150 years, and among whom he can tick off any number of Masters. Henry is no ordinary clerk — a livery equivalent of a managing director. He is a chartered accountant and a solicitor, was appointed MBE in January, and during the 1926 General Strike, drove a bus. Today, Henry still goes to work at Number 1 London Wall at least four days a week. Sometimes he makes it a five-day working week — and a full day at that. So what is so special about Henry? Well, he is 90 — and still going strong. As its motto says: "Let Brotherly Love Continue".

Food thoughts

IF civil servants find pork-based teddy bear-shaped sausages from Greenock being served at official parties from now on, they will know the idea came from William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister. Yesterday, he toured the International Food and Drink Exhibition at Earl's Court — with 1,300 exhibitors, 35 national pavilions and more than 50 international companies the largest event of its kind in Britain — where he was impressed by the amount of import substitution from Indian nan bread to Mississippi chocolate mud pies. At the Scottish section, his eye fell upon fresh trout caviare from Argyll, a dram of 10-year-old Speyside malt Scotch, and Greenock sausages. Just the kind of snacks needed for Whitehall. Today, the Prince of Wales, the new patron, will be tempting his tastebuds at the exhibition.

"To avoid confusion it is changing its name to Bowaters"

Wide-awake

MEANWHILE, stand by for a punch up at tomorrow's IoD lunch at the Royal Albert Hall — of the liquid variety, I hasten to add. The Health Education Authority has asked caterers Ring & Brymer to prepare three non-alcoholic cocktails, a strawberry punch, a Pukka Chukka made of lime juice and ginger beer, and an Acapulco. That should ensure delegates are wide awake for the afternoon session.

Bag lady

ENCOURAGING to know that if you go to the right meeting you can still collect a goodies bag. A female colleague who popped along to SmithKline Beecham yesterday emerged with a green canvas bag, the contents of which included Germolene, two types of Horlicks, Milk of Magnesia (raspberry milk shake flavour), a large tube of Maclean's toothpaste, Panadol and Hedex tablets, a tin of Andrews original liver salts, a mouth freshener ... and a toothbrush. All handed out after the agm.

COLIN CAMPBELL

How long can rates resist the pressure of price rises?

Philip Bassett

reports on what can be gleaned from the latest set of economic surveys

When Howard Davies announces today the findings of the latest Confederation of British Industry quarterly trends survey, a good deal of public attention will be on him: his move, confirmed by Downing Street yesterday, from the director-generalship of the CBI to becoming deputy governor of the Bank of England. Ministers, the City and business, will, however, be more interested in what the CBI survey implies on a range of key industrial and economic issues, most especially on prices, inflationary pressures and interest rates.

Mr Davies's move is testament to the influence that the CBI wields on policy. But beyond any one CBI leader, the attention given to large-scale industrial surveys — from the CBI especially, but also from the chambers of commerce, the building employers and the Institute of Directors — is a key factor in helping to shape monetary policy.

Indeed, a joke did the rounds at the Treasury that the economic forecasting department headed by Alan Budd, chief economic adviser, should be renamed the department for studying the CBI survey's capacity utilisation index, as Treasury officials tried to work out how sustainable economic recovery was likely to be.

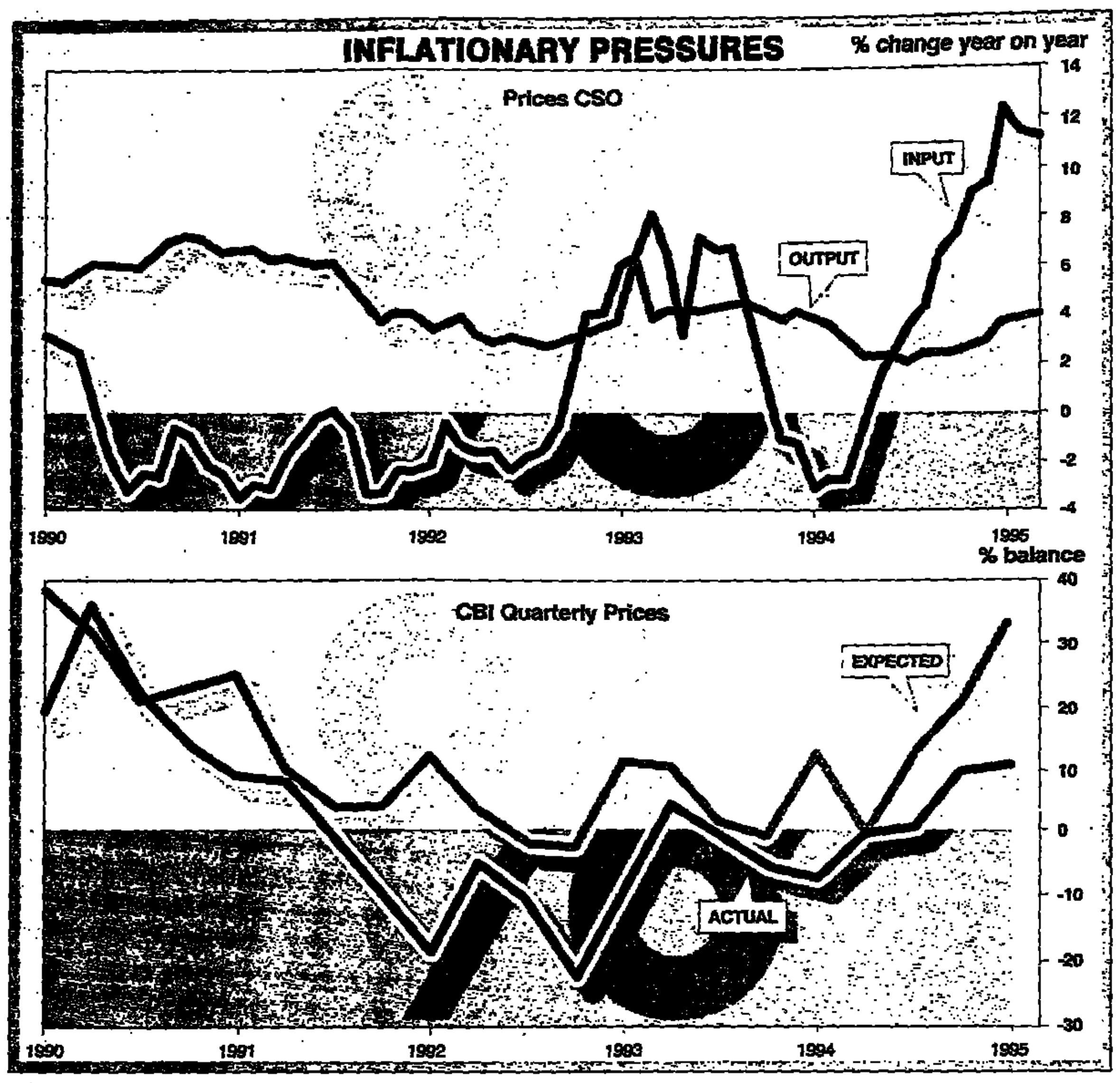
Recent figures, including the chambers' survey last week, have dented, but only slightly, City expectations that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Mr Davies's next boss, Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, are likely to agree a further half-point rise in base rates at their next monthly meeting a week on Friday.

Today's CBI figures, together with this morning's output data for the first three months of the year, are widely seen as central to that judgment.

Certainly, few analysts or economic commentators were in any doubt about the impact of the January CBI quarterly survey on the rate rise announced on February 2. But lobby groups such as the CBI now have a concrete measure of the often hard-to-discern impact of their work — in the minutes of the monthly meetings published by the Treasury. A shuffle through the complete set of minutes since they were first published last April shows a very high strike rate for the CBI's now-extensive bank of survey data.

Take, for instance, the meeting of September 7 last year, which eventually decided on the first of the latest round of interest rate rise — the half-point increase on September 12. In the eight pages of minutes, the CBI is mentioned on five of them.

While this pattern is now established in the rather formally presented accounts of the meeting which the minutes give, the figures from the CBI and other sources are clearly important. In the February 2 meeting, after which rates were raised that day, Mr George said that there were "clear danger signals in the direct evidence of cost and price pressures", while Mr Clarke acknowledged that the "future outlook for inflation was less benign", in particular because of a rise, however seasonal, in the latest CBI survey price balance. Senior figures at the CBI are aware of the responsibilities that this places on their members to ensure that surveys such as today's accurately reflect what industry is genuinely feeling — though some CBI leaders, aware of the impact of higher rates on business still struggling to emerge from the recession, joke ruefully in private that sometimes they wished that their members were not quite so accurate in their reporting of intentions to increase their prices, for instance. While any fiddling with the figures at the CBI and similar bodies would destroy their credibility, and therefore their usefulness, such a restriction does not stretch to the interpretation placed on the data.



> ❛ Sceptical economists believe that an interest rate rise is looming ❜

In public today, Mr Davies will certainly have a view to put forward, about interest rates in particular, based on the survey's findings. In private, too: before the Chancellor's and Governor's last monetary meeting on April 5, the CBI leader wrote to both men, enclosing details of the CBI's distributive trends survey on high street prices, urging "some reason for caution" in interpreting the figures. In line with the CBI's overall position, likely to be restated again today, that further rate rises are not warranted, it concluded: "The results tend to confirm our view that inflation pressures remain weak in the consumer market and that interest rates can safely be left at their present level for the time being."

What will today's CBI survey say about inflation pressures and, as a result, interest rates? The Government's figures suggest that while factory-gate output prices have remained broadly stable thoughout the recession and beyond, input prices have accelerated sharply this year, reflecting both higher commodity prices and higher import costs as the value of sterling has fallen.

The CBI's data, also charted here, shows manufacturers' price expectations consistently running ahead of price increases. While this shows that industry has often been unable to make its planned prices stick, it demonstrates with stark clarity manufacturers' intentions to push up prices if they can, and their ability over the last year to do so. Other indicators suggest that price pressures in industry may be even more severe than either the CBI's figures or the Central Statistical Office's data show. The Treasury-Bank minutes also display a reliance on the price figures produced by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (Cips); the institute believes that price pressures are much stronger than the main figures imply.

"It is clear that cost pressures are building up within the UK economy to a much greater extent than is evident from the official economic statistics," according to a study on current UK inflation by NTC Research, which compiles the price figures published by Cips. As well as "very rapidly" rising raw material prices, which feed through extensively into intermediate goods, "the official price indices do not measure the prices at which inter-company transactions take place. The Cips indices do, and show rapid growth". Capacity constraints and supply shortages are linked to price rises for many materials and semi-manufactured goods, the Cips says. Even according to the Government's figures, some price rises are sharp. Compared with a year ago, plastics prices are up 21 per cent, man-made fibres by 15 per cent. Metal goods are up 14 per cent, textiles the same, and paper goods 12 per cent. Food manufacturing prices are up 11 per cent, and timber prices 10 per cent. CIPS figures show, too, the extent of the price rises in terms of time. Prices of aluminium, stainless steel, copper and PVC have been rising for many months, as have those for paper products. Unsurprisingly, many of these items are in very short supply. Take the paper industry. At the end of 1993, pulp prices were running at about $390 per tonne. At the moment, they are about $825 to $850, and due to rise in June by $100 on these prices. The industry expects prices per tonne to hit $1,000 by the end of the year.

Bryan Bateman, business director of the Paper Federation of Great Britain, said: "Paper prices are moving and the present trend is upwards." However, he also argues that the price rises are both a market correction in the UK, where prices are 25 per cent lower than in Germany and the US, and 60 per cent lower than in the Far East.

Newspaper publishers, including News International, publisher of *The Times*, are bracing themselves for rises in newsprint costs of up to 25 per cent in the summer, which may carry severe implications for the current cover price war. Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the paper manufacturer, says that prices had to adjust in the industry because many pulpmakers were losing money — but the speed of the price rises since the end of 1993 has been difficult to adjust to. With pulp accounting for up to 70 per cent of the cost of a tonne of paper and costs rising every quarter, Peter Cutler, Arjo's group economist, says: "There is no way of avoiding pushing these raw material costs on to the end user."

Business leaders at the CBI and elsewhere argue that such evidence of price rises is sectoral and patchy and that it does not yet amount to a significant price push sufficient to cause concern about inflation and raise interest rates again. Many City economists remain sceptical. They believe a rate rise is looming, especially given exchange rate pressure on the pound. With his new job in mind, Mr Davies will doubtless look keenly at inflationary pressures when he presents the CBI's latest industrial figures today — and business and the City will wait to see how they play out when the Chancellor and the Governor meet next week.

Biggest test for Lloyd's is making peace with names

Sarah Bagnall examines the insurance market's options

LLOYD'S of London is in a mess. That is certain. Speculation is rife that the 308-year-old insurance market will fail its annual solvency tests and will close to new business by the end of the year. Not so, retorts Lloyd's.

In the past five years, the market has lost more than £8 billion, a bill that has to be paid by its financial backers, the names. But in the last year there has been a sharp leap in the number of names who are unable — or unwilling — to meet the relentless demand for cash. It is this that is placing the market under huge strain and prompting claims that it cannot remain solvent.

The non-payment of debts by some has caused a "them and us" mentality among names. On the one hand are names who have survived the ravages of the past few years relatively unscathed and are trading on. On the other hand are those who have suffered disproportionately large losses and have either collapsed or are digging in their heels and refusing to pay any more.

Gone are the days when names could proclaim "one for all and all for one", now they have splintered off into different camps, each with their own agendas and desires. As with any acrimonious divorce both parties believe they are in the right. The allegations hurled become increasingly vitriolic, making it almost impossible for an outsider to keep track.

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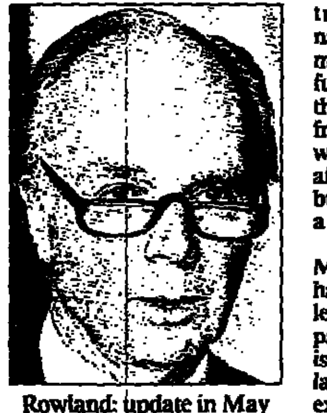
Each year, rumours swirl that Lloyd's will fail the two solvency tests set by the Department of Trade and Industry. Each autumn it passes. However, this year's annual speculation event has a slightly more resonant ring to it. First, in the last couple of years Lloyd's managed to scrape through the tests with the help of clever accounting that appeared to bolster assets or shrink liabilities. But of greater significance is the increasing incidence of non-payment of debts by names.



Rowland: update in May

Lloyd's is widely expected to pass the first DTI test — assets against projected claims — the easier of the two. The second, harder one, is conducted at a name's level. Each name has to show that their underwriting assets at Lloyd's are sufficient to meet their underwriting liabilities. It is this second test that the non-payment issue bites into, prompting some names to argue that Lloyd's will fail.

If this is the case, swift action is needed. The problem could be solved in several ways, the most obvious being a successful resolution to the mass of legal actions swamping the market. Lloyd's is in the process of trying to broker a deal between the estimated 17,000 litigating names and the insurers of the agencies being sued. David Rowland, chairman at Lloyd's, yesterday said he hoped to say how the initiative is progressing by the annual meeting in May.

The last attempt to end the legal action by offering names an out-of-court settlement of £900 million failed in 1994. Names rejected the offer in the belief that they could get more from the courts. But it is now in the interest off both names and Lloyd's to reach a negotiated settlements. The benefit of a global settlement is that it would naturally free up an estimated £600 million that has been reserved for twice over, to cover litigation claims. But in case the settlement fails, Lloyd's has changed the rules so it can collect directly any litigation awards made to names.

A second course of action is to impose a levy on those names who are still underwriting. This would include the new band of incorporated names as well as the traditional individual names. Alternatively the market could seek external funding. This could be in the form of contributions from the mass of companies who would be adversely affected by Lloyd's collapse but more likely by means of a capital market funding.

Mr Rowland and Peter Middleton, chief executive, have adroitly managed to leap several hurdles in the past two years. The question is whether they can leap the latest hurdle — assuming it exists in the first place.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Bank of England should publish banks' interest-rate data

From Mr Terry Foulkes

Sir, Your report (Banks pressed to give interest data, April 20) that the Bank of England has been asking banks for information on the average interest rates would appear to reveal a missed opportunity. The data are not for publication. Banks apparently fear being questioned by their customers about the rate offered to them.

One banking source is quoted as saying: "A lot of customers cannot imagine they are as bad risk as the banks think they are." Clearly there is a case here for better communication.

At the same time the Abbey National publishes the results of a survey, which it claims shows that one fifth of current account holders "are dissatisfied with their account".

Leaving aside any marketing gloss, this result adds to similar comments made over recent years by representatives of the small and medium business sector.

One is inclined to point out that more transparency on bank costs would benefit customers by enabling them to consider shopping around. By doing so they can also get a better picture of both the expectations of the finance sector and how they are, in particular, perceived.

On the other hand, banks would need to improve their relationship with their customers and staff their branches with better-trained and more accessible personnel.

The publication of such information by the Bank of England would initially cause some overload to the banks at a time when they are continuing to downsize.

It would also be something of a shock to their customers. In the longer term, however, it could well lead to the building of a quality relationship banking system that is sadly absent at present.

Given that the development of sound small and medium businesses is proclaimed to be a vital part in the future of the United Kingdom and that currently many of them are said to be are lacking sophistication in their financial management, a means of improving the whole system is well worth the initial discomfort it might engender.

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Right rate for the job

From B. C. Barton

Sir, The chief executive of Barclays Bank has been much criticised for his £750,000 remuneration package. I compare this with the recently reported £300,000 annual salary of the chief executive of the Northern Rock Building Society.

If the latter is reasonable for what, by any standard, is a comparatively modest little enterprise, surely Mr Taylor should receive substantially more as the head of a leading financial institution.

Yours faithfully,
B. C. BARTON,
St. Andrew's House,
27 West Street,
Wilton,
Wiltshire.

Last of the real bank managers

From Mrs Jean Gaye

Sir, In today's atmosphere of mixed feelings about banks it is good to mention some rejuvenating news. Recently, while struggling to come to terms with the effects of a burglary I not only received a telephone call from my bank manager but also a bunch of flowers — it did much to raise my morale and I am most grateful.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN GAYE,
39 Horsecastles Lane,
Sherborne,
Dorset.

Eurotunnel must remember North

From Mr George Sharratt

Sir, The latest financial troubles of Eurotunnel do not surprise me in the least. Their problems are self-created.

The policy that they have formed only caters for people from London and the South. They don't seem to think of how people from the North and the Midlands plan their travel into Europe.

There is little or no problem to start running services from all our main cities in England, Wales and Scotland, within weeks. Motorail services and through freight can also be accommodated.

One of Eurotunnel's problems is that they don't employ good practical railway operators. They concentrate too much on gimmicks or fancy decorations, when they should be running it as part of the whole British Rail network.

All I have commented on is possible, and I know there are good operators who can show them how. It's evident that they haven't got anyone at present.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE SHARRATT,
26 Glencayne Drive,
Crossens,
Southport,
Merseyside.

Alternatives to eternal devaluation of currencies

From Mr Patrick O'Brien

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is undoubtedly correct in his assessment that exchange rates can be used to adjust trade imbalances and promote full employment (April 20), but what are the longer term consequences of the eternal devaluation of currencies? And are they necessary?

It is true that there were booms and slumps when the world was on the Gold Standard, but eventually these were corrected by economic adjustments often fuelled by the growth arising from new inventions which created wealth and employment. We were building the world economy, but that phase is over. Now we have to compete for the imports we need with the maturing economies.

The burgeoning of a world market is making it increasingly difficult to maintain the standard of living of our workers let alone the unemployed. The public services such as education, the health services, etc., are eternally underfunded despite over-taxation. Welfare is consuming the money which should pay for investment whilst simultaneously creating unemployment by raising expectations.

We have a choice between reducing our standard of living, reducing the size of our population or becoming more ruthless with those not producing because we cannot compete with disciplined, motivated, lower taxed and increasingly well educated emerging nations.

Anatole Kaletsky's devaluations may make our decline easier to bear but surely we should have higher aspirations?

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK O'BRIEN,
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Ferndown, Dorset.

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Grofund Euro	203.30	215.30	+ 2.60	0.54
Grofund Expt Bal	111.30	115.30	....	2.85
Grofund Gilt	73.78	76.07	- 0.08	5.27
Grofund Japan	158.20	167.40	- 1.90	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	540.50	575.10	- 1.60	2.91
General Inc	471.30	501.40	- 1.40	2.91
UK Growth Acc	363.20	386.40	- 0.90	3.04
UK Growth Inc	345.20	380.90	- 0.60	3.04
Higher Inc Acc	673.30	716.30	- 1.90	4.23
Higher Inc Inc	382.70	406.60	- 1.00	4.23
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	188.00	198.50	- 0.30	5.96
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.71	93.70	+ 0.14	5.96
Nth America	262.90	279.70	- 1.80	...
Europe	275.00	292.60	+ 1.00	1.08
Brit Excell	72.19	76.80	- 0.16	3.12
Brit Fndmtls Acc	101.60	108.10	- 0.10	4.91
Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.77	77.42	- 0.11	4.91
Global Opps	84.34	89.73	- 0.53	0.40
Balanced Acc	54.11	57.57	- 0.18	3.18
Balanced Inc	52.44	55.79	- 0.18	3.18
Japan Acc	47.39	50.13	- 0.90	
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	127.50	136.30†	.	7.39
High Inc Equity	158.00	169.00†	- 0.50	4.66
Worldwide Bond	274.50	291.10	- 1.10	4.47
Capital Growth				
American Growth	275.00	294.40	- 1.50	.82
Asian Pacific	290.70	309.30	- 3.10	.
Assets & Earnings	256.50	272.90	- 0.70	3.02
Comdty & Energy	97.57	103.80†	- 1.70	.13
Euro Capital Inc	133.60	142.90†	+ 1.80	.68
(Accum Units)	143.40	153.30	+ 2.00	.67
General	231.10	245.90	- 0.60	2.21
Japan	117.50	125.70	- 1.30	.
Masterfund	137.10	146.60	- 0.40	1.93
UK Growth Dist	112.50	120.30†	+ 0.30	3.28
US Emerging Cos	127.30	135.40	- 1.00	
Income & Growth	381.40	405.70	- 1.40	3.08
Ethical	65.76	69.96	- 0.08	3.13
International	109.90	116.90	- 0.20	.90
Dividend & Growth	59.49	63.29	- 0.15	4.44
Global Gwth & Sec	67.42	71.91	+ 0.13	2.89
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.53	£17.21		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	44.21	46.94†	- 0.22	0.87
Cash	50.32	50.32†	+ 0.02	5.81
Emerging Mkts	63.79	67.54	- 0.07	0.05
European	110.40	115.40	+ 0.30	
Exempt	939.70	1010.09†	+ 1.00	1.84
Extra Income #	44.18	47.28†	- 0.05	6.98
Far East Emg Eco	104.60	111.00	- 0.80	0.56
Fixed Interest #	21.88	22.36†	+ 0.02	9.01
Fund Inv Tst	153.30	161.20†	+ 0.40	1.04
Japan	182.40	191.60	- 1.90	
Latin American	46.94	49.76	+ 0.94	0.99
Pacific	69.28	73.16†	- 0.57	0.36
Property Share	59.12	62.06	+ 0.05	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	60.40	63.41	+ 0.08	1.95
UK Growth	42.99	45.58†	- 0.09	2.57
Aber World Port #	70.86	72.04	- 0.38	2.27
Ethical	60.18	63.17	+ 0.06	2.78
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	49.33	49.33†	+ 0.04	7.61
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3232				
British Growth	69.09	73.50†	- 0.16	3.00
British Income	80.27	85.34†	- 0.08	3.79
Select Portfolio	83.34	88.68†	- 0.16	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	62.24	66.21	- 0.08	3.00
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
0171 588 1815				
Inc	639.46	642.84	...	4.87
Accum	£27.51	£27.62	.	
Fixed Int Inc	119.75	120.05		9.58
Fixed Int Acc	190.20	190.68	.	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 837 7667				
Intl Growth	110.00	120.72	.	
UK Income	102.89	112.21	...	5.300
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	76.71	81.43		1.49
Beck Bio-Tech	25.77	27.32		.
Accum Ethical Tst	143.82	156.66		0.71
City Fin Assets	67.70	71.08†	- 0.36	1.98
City Fin America	88.88	91.23†		..
City Fin Intl	74.84	78.59†		0.94
City Fin Japan	163.66	171.86		
Friars Hse Cap	267.51	288.77	- 0.22	1.70
Friars Hse Inc	187.64	203.68	- 0.45	4.14
Buckley Wrld Gth	118.59	125.70†		
Fairmol Cap Gth	131.82	138.42	.	
Fairmount Intl	143.24	150.42	...	
City Fin Ptfo Inc	51.82	56.10	.	4.39
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	51.63	54.78	- 0.05	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	57.70	61.71	- 0.34	..
Allas Mngd Gwth	35.85	38.34	- 0.08	0.59
Dragon Growth	61.34	65.60	- 0.55	0.83
Equity High Inc	80.30	85.43	- 0.27	4.26
(Accum Units)	108.81	115.76	- 0.37	4.25
European Gwth	50.61	53.84	+ 0.18	1.17
Evergreen	26.47	28.31	- 0.11	.
General Equity	81.91	86.91	- 0.16	2.90
Japan Growth	51.02	54.57	- 0.78	.
Pedigree Gwth	49.56	52.71	- 0.11	2.94
Pacf Sm Cos Inc	29.18	31.04	+ 0.05	1.84
(Accum Units)	30.32	32.25	+ 0.06	1.64
Retirement Inc #	25.05	26.65	- 0.07	5.97
Special Sits	36.77	39.12	- 0.08	2.23
UK & Overseas	46.70	49.68	- 0.24	1.42
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	67.15	71.18	- 0.22	2.08
Income	60.56	64.19	- 0.11	4.19
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	151.53	161.20†	- 0.07	5.43
Fixed & Convertible	37.84	40.26†	+ 0.06	7.47
Monthly Inc Plus	46.25	49.20†	+ 0.03	9.11
Preference Share	44.34	47.17†	- 0.01	8.00
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.12	123.53†	- 0.48	6.58
Managed Fund	65.65	69.84†	- 0.18	3.24
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.17	38.48†	+ 0.03	2.08
(Accum Units)	42.09	44.78†	+ 0.05	2.09
UK & General	76.72	81.62†	- 0.35	3.20
(Accum Units)	97.29	103.50†	- 0.45	3.20
UK Growth	142.10	151.17†	- 0.55	2.79
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.62	194.28†	+ 0.87	0.22
Far Eastern Gth	121.41	129.16†	- 1.41	
Global Bond	76.57	81.37†	- 0.21	6.14
Japan Growth	116.08	123.49†	- 2.21	.
North Amer Gth	164.98	175.51†	- 0.78	
Oriental Growth	70.24	74.72†	- 0.42	0.11
Worldwide Growth	63.48	67.53†	- 0.34	0.09

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.60	51.70†	- 0.09	7.45
Gilt Yield	113.70	120.00†	- 0.10	6.67
Global Income	203.30	216.30	- 3.22	4.18
High Yield	132.40	140.99†	- 0.64	6.29
(Accum Units)	405.30	431.20†	- 1.70	6.29
Smlr Cos Dir	48.36	52.51	- 0.03	3.19

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.60	139.60	..	4.31
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	195.40	209.00	- 0.39	2.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	167.10	178.00	+ 0.20	6.69
Intl Growth	204.40	217.30	- 0.70	0.36

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Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	90.41	96.18	- 0.15	.
North American	75.44	80.26	- 0.26	0.16
European Special	105.10	111.80	+ 0.49	0.13
European	152.40	162.10	+ 0.69	0.37
(Accum Units)	200.10	212.90	+ 0.90	0.37
General				
Global Eqty Inc	100.10	106.50	- 0.30	1.13
Japan	407.50	433.50	- 2.70	.
Japanese Special	214.10	227.80†	+ 0.60	
Master Accum	229.90	244.60	- 0.50	0.56
Pacific	312.10	332.00	- 2.30	
(Accum Units)	356.60	383.40	- 2.50	
Smaller Cos	104.10	110.70	+ 0.10	0.62
UK Equity Growth	38.13	40.56	- 0.06	1.60
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	60.76	64.63	- 0.08	
Inv Trust	62.88	66.89	- 0.04	
Cautious Inc/Gth	57.53	61.20	+ 0.25	1.50
High Inc Acc	54.17	57.62	- 0.04	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 588 2800				
Income	567.82	509.20	.	5.14
Intl & General	403.60	438.90		0.45
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	249.03	264.93†	- 0.41	5.66
Inc & Growth Inc	53.46	56.87	- 0.13	4.77
Smaller Cos	54.02	57.47†	- 0.07	1.56
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 600				
Growth Trust	240.25	255.50		1.98
High Income	105.73	112.42	- 0.50	4.47
International	95.43	101.50	- 0.10	0.66
Recovery Trust	63.02	67.10	- 0.29	1.50
European Trust	77.42	82.37†	- 0.41	0.80
Japanese Trust	43.52	45.59	- 0.62	.
American Trust	85.63	91.09†	+ 0.58	0.33
Managed	65.47	69.64	+ 0.03	0.72
Cash	50.17	50.17†	- 0.02	4.35
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 374 2316				
UK Cap	360.92	367.30		2.79
UK Inc Gth	384.30	392.70		3.55
UK Income	267.10	273.40		4.39
UK Sml Cos	225.42	235.40		2.07
Euro Gwth	172.50	174.50		
N Amer Gwth	52.13	54.28	.	0.29
Japan Growth	65.67	66.61		
Money Mkt	123.77	123.77		1.660
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 295				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
North American	181.80	194.00	- 0.80	0.42
Far East	254.30	268.80	- 2.80	1.38
UK Smaller Cos	166.70	180.40	+ 0.30	1.92
European	79.22	84.21	+ 0.74	0.38
Japanese Growth	49.12	52.33	- 0.23	
High Income	182.80	195.50	- 0.03	4.31
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 055				
M & S Inv Ptflo	149.00	157.60	- 0.32	2.24
-do- Accum	172.40	181.40	- 0.32	2.24
UK Sel Ptflo	128.40	135.20	- 0.29	2.53
-do- Accum	149.30	157.10	- 0.29	2.53
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	67.21	71.50		3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	69.81	74.11†	+ 0.08	4.53
European	87.45	88.47	+ 0.92	1.02
Income #	73.08	77.58	+ 0.72	5.34
Nth American	62.99	66.87	- 0.18	0.55
Far East	159.90	169.70	- 1.19	.
Japan	55.49	58.91†	- 0.06	...
Emrging Mkts	83.73	89.55	- 2.48	...
Intl Growth	106.58	113.10†	.	0.72
UK Growth	89.38	94.88	+ 0.44	1.54
UK Smlr Co	44.64	47.39	+ 0.79	1.10
Asian Opps Fd	33.59	35.93	- 0.24	0.38
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	405.37	431.24†	- 1.70	4.14
Global Inc	67.12	71.40†	- 0.20	2.90
Brit Leaders	348.39	368.58†	- 1.53	2.43
Intl Leaders	199.83	212.59†	- 0.83	0.77
PAM Mig Bal Gth	60.58	63.38†	+ 0.37	0.85
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2800				
American	201.30	213.70	- 1.50	
(Accum Units)	215.10	228.40	- 1.60	.
American Opps	89.84	95.63	- 0.80	
(Accum Units)	90.98	97.02	- 0.83	
British Blue Chip	77.35	82.17†	- 0.37	2.93
(Accum Units)	95.99	102.08†	- 0.40	2.93
Cash	101.20	101.20		5.83
(Accum Units)*	139.00	139.00	.	5.83
Emerging Mkts	93.45	100.50	- 0.98	0.74
(Accum Units)	93.54	100.60	- 0.90	0.74
European Growth	245.50	260.00	+ 2.800	0.17
(Accum Units)	264.70	280.30	+ 2.900	0.17
European Income	83.60	88.31	+ 0.650	3.25
(Accum Units)	112.60	118.90	+ 0.800	3.25
General	485.70	517.10†	- 1.10	2.40
(Accum Units)	963.30	1025†	- 2.00	2.40
Global Bond	126.30	137.80†		5.21

Shares rally after early fall

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BANKS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
480	413	Abbey Natl	480	+11	4.6	10.3
295	250	Allied Irish	286	-5	4.8	8.2
283	196	Aus New Z	225	-6	5.9	8.3
3158½	2581½	Bank America	3087½	+ [illegible]		
230	181½	Bank Scotland	221	+2	3.0	12.5
665	557½	Barclays†	638	+5	4.1	8.9
335	288	Bk of Ireland	332	...	4.3	8.6
477	418	Cater Allen	479		7.4	9.8
2825	2450	Citicorp	2825	+31½		
282	219	Close Bros	282	+1	3.8	11.8
£150¾	£129	Commerzbk	2149½	+40½	3.7	...
1275	999½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1231½	-27½	0.5	...
£217½	1285	Deutsche Bk	1308½	+3½	2.5	...
956¼	612½	Espirito Santo	762½	...	10.8	...
1465	1182½	Fuji Bank Y	1417½	-59½	0.4	...
490	385	General Nat	428	+5	7.8	12.4
253	195	Hambros	204		9.2	12.5
756½	589	HSBC†	748	-2	4.5	9.4
740	578	HSBC HK$	733	-3½	4.6	9.2
408	363	Joseph (L)	363	...	6.1	19.8
103	85	King Shaxson	89		12.6	8.6
683	529	Kleinwort Bent	686	+2	4.2	11.4
641	530	Lloyds†	637	+6	5.1	10.6
552	479	Nat Aust Bk	532	-11	6.3	9.3
556	454	Nat West†	549	-2	5.9	9.1
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375		6.8	3.5
67	58	Rea Bros	53		2.4	19.5
429	373½	Ryl Bk Scot†	413	-1	4.2	11.8
1698	1380	Schroders†	1698	+15	1.6	15.6
1445	1285	Schroders N/V†	1443	+5	1.8	13.7
86½	61	Singer & Friedl	82		5.3	
904	246	Stand Chartd†	304	+1	8.3	9.9
254½	217	TSB	242½	+ [illegible]	4.6	10.4
93	70	Union†	84		4.5	
784	655	Warburg SG	761	+8	3.7	13.8
£109¾	904½	Wells Fargo	£102¾	-12½	2.8	...
237½	211	Westpac	224½	-1½	2.4	
235	200	Wintrust	205	...	4.5	13.7

BREWERIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
172	149	Asset Hldgs	148		4.9	13.4
564	487	Bass	542	-3	4.1	13.7
271	239	Boddingtons	267	...	4.1	13.1
177	152	Burtonwd Brw	157	...	3.4	18.4
179	127	Eldridge P 'A'	152	...	5.0	14.2
59	51	Fosters Brewing	54	...	2.7	15.9
368	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	362		3.6	14.9
453	402	Greenalls Grp	458	+3	3.2	13.8
532	468	Greene King	509	...	4.8	11.9
267	240	Hardy Hanson	244	...	3.6	11.0
156	150	Heseltine	155	...	2.0	
3425	3363	Hall J	3375	...	2.4	15.0
246	219	Mansfield	245	...	2.6	14.0
312	288	Mcdon Thwp	289	...	2.9	13.7
465	400	Morland	455	...	3.9	18.9
3¼	1¾	Paramount†	3	...	2.1	20.1

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-
105	91	ABI Lds	100	+2
585	535	Adam & Harvey	580	...
21	16	Alexanders	20	
118	88	Applegarth	108	-1
655	518	BSS Group	555	
28	25	Bogod 'A'	25	
363	345	Brammer†	357	+2
17	10½	Bridgend Gp	16	+1
48	28	Brown & Tawse	41	+1
39	35	Burndene	35	+1
270	215	Caldyne	245	...
42	35	Cork (DC)	36	
289	220	Cowie	261	
143	126	Dagi Manage†	138	
598	563	Dalgety†	589	
459	408	Diploma	459	+4
540	472	Electrocomponts	585	-3
263	234	Ellis & Everard	245	...
401	364	Evans Halshaw†	384	+6
586	512	Ferrall Elect	585	-5
24	16	Gardiner	24	+
24	18	Glenchewton	17	
172	149	Harris (Philip)	165	
110	88	ISA Intl	94	
430	274	Inchcape†	319	+10
58	53	Jacks (Wm)	58	
329	277	Lex Service	332	-2
185	164	Lookers†	168	
495	330	Meyer Intl	347	
152	152	PCT	152	
253	225	Pendragon†	243	
161	123	Perry Gp	141	
185	128	Quicks Group†	132	
171	160	REA	168	-2
223	226	Time Products	281	
220	151	Vardy (Reg)	215	
249	248	Wholesale Ftgs	248	
80	68	Young Gp	75	+2

INVESTMENT COMPANIES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	112	Boeam Dolphin	145		4.3	11.1
663	625	Caledonia	652	-1	3.1	18.1
2400	2125	Camellia	2300		1.7	6.1
22½	16¾	Canlet†	17	-½	3.7	24.1
165	142	Caplest	164		4.4	
35	23	Chrisbo	23			50.8
15	13½	EFG	14½		0.9	9.5
77½	61	EFT Group†	76		2.9	13.1
775	707	EFM†	762		3.9	15.6
186	158	Excot	164	-2	4.6	
76	57	First Nat Fin	75	+½	2.5	47.9
185	161	Garmore†	174	-1	4.0	14.6
379	256	Govett	289	-4	6.2	4.9
1133	963	Henderson Ad	1128		5.0	15.6
194	162½	Invesco	189	-2	2.7	16.8
49	43	Investment Co	47		4.7	15.0
231	200½	Ivory Sime	222	-7	4.2	17.3
248¾	196½	Jardine Strat	210	-¼	4.3	
144	95	Johnson Fry†	101		2.5	
166	131	Lon Forfaiting†	163	-3	7.1	14.2
125	116	Lon Scot Bk	125		4.1	16.4
175	153	Man ED & F	155	-7	6.9	8.5
1113	953	M & G	1113		3.4	19.5
265	224	MAI†	257	+1	2.8	12.9
104¾	88	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	99			
807	680	MAM	778		3.7	18.1
130	98	Nat Home Loan	100½	-1½		9.2
1500	1150	Perpetual	1468	-7	3.0	15.9
568	515	Provident†	564		4.5	13.9
306	245	Ramsome Brst	306		3.7	
38¼	24½	Rutland Tst	35½		4.9	
316	290	S & U	315	+4	4.3	10.3
240	135	Shandwick	234	-3	4.8	8.8
133	105	SJP Capital	115	-½	3.3	8.2
499	410	Smith New Ct	430	-1	2.9	5.0
78	73	Towry Law	73	...	7.5	17.4
26	17	Tve Hldgs	17		0.7	27.9
26	22	Western Selectn	22			1.4

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
593	425	Brit Biotech	495		...	
345	110	Cantab Pharms	113			
296	293½	Celltech	296	-3	...	
125	92½	Chiroscience	118			
41	31	Cortecs	39½			
185	103	Fisons	178	-1	3.1	
741	597	Glaxo	735	+19	4.8	16.8
124	100	Galpharm Hdgt	115		6.2	14.7
264	162	Medeva†	254½	+7	1.6	17.4

STORES

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10	8	EKA Gp	8			12.5
161	98	Essex Furn	109	+2	5.3	12.1
236	170	Etam	196	+1	4.9	10.9
358	320	Fine Art Dev	345		5.3	10.7
66	37	Feed Earth	46			21.3
114	81	Flying Flowers	108	+4	2.2	14.1
292	255	French Conn	259	+5		12.2
265	207	Frost Group	263		2.8	
58	46	Gawec	47	...	4.0	16.8
134	112	Goldsmiths Gp	129	+1	3.0	
584	508	GUS	578	+4	2.9	16.6
213	179	Hamleys	213		4.2	
56	25	Hampden Grp†	49		3.1	13.2
175	142	Hse of Fraser	147	+½	4.8	18.4
83	80	Hughes (TJ)	83		3.8	13.6
276	229	JJB Sports	275	-3	2.7	16.8
477	379	Kingfisher†	446	-2	4.3	17.3
110	95	Klessee	100		1.9	28.5
315	233	Liberty	238		3.9	
305	184	Lloyds Chem†	218½	+½	5.5	7.1
132	108	MFI	121½	+1	4.3	15.2
427½	371	Marks Spencer	412		2.9	18.3
515	500	Menzies (John)	502	+1	3.1	11.9
412	338	Moss Bros	411		3.7	
307	252	Next	301	+1	3.8	15.5
38	27	OEM	38			
96	88	Oliver (G)†	88		1.4	14.4
93	78	Partridge Fine†	81	...	5.1	9.1
156	107	QS Hldgs	114		5.9	
19	7	Rhino Grp▲	18	+2		
131	113	Rosebys†	116		5.2	12.7
111½	96	Sears	103	-1	4.5	17.5
24	14½	Signet Group	15½	+½		
484	404	Smith WH	415	-3	4.7	21.3
823	638	Sothebys	808	-5	3.2	38.7
245	209	Storehouse	241	+4	3.0	19.8
206	168	Stylo	193		4.7	
169	143	T & S Stores†	169	+3	4.8	
121	98	Tie Rack	121	+2	2.4	
4½	2½	Upton & Sout	2½	-¼		
502	424	Vendome	493	-4	2.3	22.5
33	24	WEW Group	26	+1	3.4	21.7
67	57	Wid of Leather	58		3.2	12.4
167	155	Wyevale†	167		3.6	

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
553	491	Allied Domecq	530½	-½	5.3	14.3
408	330	Bulmer (HP)	402	-3	3.4	21.7
121	99	Burn Stewart	104		6.0	21.4
410	352	Grand Met	406	-2	4.3	18.3
471½	404	Guinness†	471½	+3½	3.7	14.8
445	337	Highland Distill	352		2.6	15.9
217	183	Macallan-Glenl	184		0.9	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
260	210	Bluebird Toys†	231	+1	1.9	19.8
335	333	Boosey Hwks	335			
3¼	2	Brent Walker	2	-¼		
185	150	Bristol Scots	150		3.8	
2¼	¼	Buckingham Intl				
26½	12	Castel Pic	14½		9.5	8.0
256	251	Chrysalis	253			
83	70½	City Centre Rest	82		3.1	
947	305	Compass Gp	331		2.5	17.2
270	238	Eurocamp	261	+3	5.0	11.6
195	118	Euro Disney	184	-4		
165	93	Euro Leisure	115			
450	383½	Fairline Boats	375		5.2	17.3
124	105	First Choice	118	+1	4.1	30.9
295	262	First Leisure	282	+2	3.1	17.9
351½	224½	Forte†	250	+¼	4.1	23.6
175	148	Friendly Hotels	149		4.9	
56	55	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
570	476	Granada†	569		2.2	16.9
116	108	Groupe Chez Gerr	116		0.8	16.1
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	17		11.8	
135	96	Hornby†	117		5.3	21.9
187½	156¼	Jurys Hotel	183¼	+¼	3.7	16.5
20¼	14¼	Kunick	20	+¼	3.1	23.0
288	364	London Clubs	387		5.2	14.6
179½	161	Ladbroke†	172	+1	4.4	
64	47	Magnolia	47		0.3	

MEDIA

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
354	335	Abbott Mead†	352	+3¼	2.6	17.9
310	276	Adscene	286		3.1	9.6
29½	22	Aegis Gp	24	-¼		
7¼	2½	Allied Radio				35.9
13	13	BBB Design	13	...	5.5	17.5
197	155	Barbour Index	196			
8¼	5	Birdale	5¼		5.6	
325	320	Black (A&C)	325			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
98	75	BWD	90		5.8	8.7
132	126	Baltic Pict	131		2.9	
78	53	Berry Bch Nbx	53		12.0	8.0
157	148	Bisbac Inv	152	-1		

WATER

1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
520	443	Anglian	491	...	6.0	11.1
349	295	Mid Kent Hldgs	342	-2	4.3	11.5
571	483	North West	560	+2	5.3	8.0
908	676	Northumbrian	903		3.5	9.7
564	475	Severn Trent	533	+1	5.5	8.9
2195	1856	South Staffs	2185		3.1	13.2
527	459	South West	517		6.3	7.6
601	517	Southern	586	+2	5.0	8.6
504	456	Thames	490	-1	5.9	7.4
679	567	Welsh	614	-3	5.3	6.8
312	252	Wessex	283	+1	5.4	7.4
555	472	Yorkshire	550	+3	5.3	8.1

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Stock	Int yld %	Gross red yld
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Treas 12¾% 1995	12.34	6.61
Treas 14% 1996	13.32	6.91
Treas 15¼% 1996	14.14	7.06
Exch 13¼% 1996	12.48	7.11
Conv 10% 1996	9.65	7.46
Treas 7% 1997	7.10	7.69
Treas 13¼% 1997	12.15	7.61
Exch 10½% 1997	10.02	7.64
Treas 8¾% 1997	8.58	7.81
Exch 15% 1997	12.95	7.92
Exch 9¾% 1998	9.38	8.01
Treas 7¼% 1998	7.40	8.03
Treas 6¾% 1995-98	6.99	8.04
Treas 14% 1998-01	12.12	8.19
Treas 15½% 1998	12.73	8.07
Exch 12% 1998	10.76	8.20
Treas 9½% 1999	9.13	8.20
Exch 12¼% 1999	10.83	8.26
Treas 10½% 1999	9.76	8.26
Treas 6% 1999	6.52	8.20
Conv 10¼% 1999	9.57	8.53

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gross red yld
Conv 9% 2000	8.76	8.26
Treas 8% 2000	8.09	8.24
Treas 13% 2000	10.92	8.40
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Treas 8½% 2005	8.42	8.33
Conv 9½% 2005	8.87	8.42
Treas 12½% 2003-05	10.17	8.63
Treas 7¾% 2006	8.12	8.33
Treas 8% 2002-06	8.23	8.37
Treas 11¾% 2003-07	10.03	8.06
Treas 8½% 2007	8.41	8.35
Treas 13½% 2004-08	10.40	8.62
Treas 9% 2008	8.56	8.34
Treas 8% 2009	8.35	8.34

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock	Int yld %	Gross red yld
Treas 6¼% 2010	7.59	8.28
Conv 9% 2011	8.53	8.35
Treas 9% 2012	8.50	8.33
Treas 5½% 2008-12	7.28	8.12
Treas 8% 2013	8.24	8.29
Treas 7¾% 2012-15	8.20	8.30
Treas 8¾% 2017	8.36	8.28
Exch 12% 2013-17	9.07	8.49

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Treas 2½%	8.39	..

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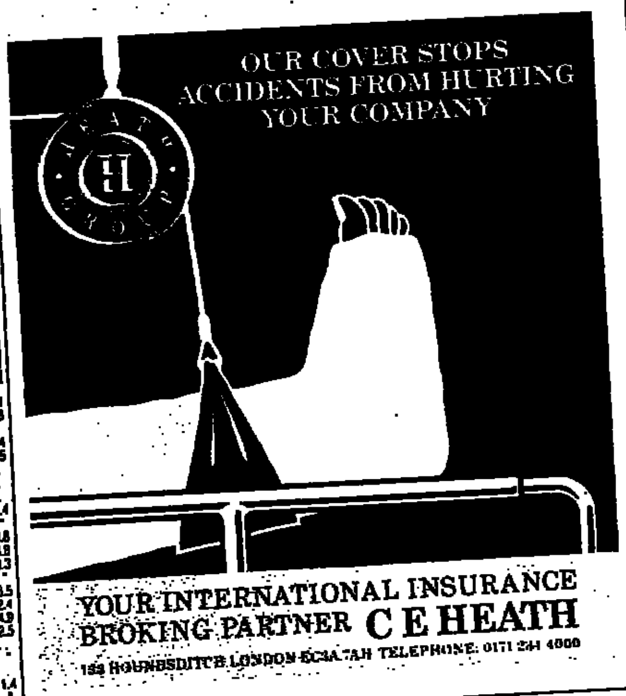
Treas IL 2½% 2003	3.40	3.77
Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	3.42	3.76
Treas IL 2% 2006	3.49	3.76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Inner city corporation hands over its powers

By Rodney Hobson

THE first of the 12 urban development corporations to be wound up has handed over responsibility for the regeneration of inner city areas of Leeds. The remaining bodies scattered around the country will be closed down over the next three years.

Leeds Development Corporation was established in June 1988 and was originally intended to have a life span of five years. An extension was subsequently agreed because the onset of recession slowed down economic regeneration while making the task more urgent.

The regeneration of south central Leeds and the Kirkstall Valley has created 9,000 new jobs in industry, offices, retailing and leisure. In addition, 561 new homes have been built.

One of the big successes has been the Hunslet Business Park, built on a 50-acre derelict site. The area was once occupied by a notorious block of leaky flats.

Conscious of criticism that redevelopment tended to produce office blocks, the corporation attracted a variety of small industries to the park.

The Royal Armouries Museum, a leading tourist attraction, is scheduled to open in the area next year.

The corporation has spent £55.7 million of public money and attracted £350 million of private-sector investment. Its planning functions have been transferred to Leeds City Council and responsibility for managing unfinished development projects has passed to English Partnerships, the body overseeing regeneration in England.

Leeds Development Corporation will exist for just a further two months while it prepares its final report.

The 12 development corporations were intended to have a limited life. The reasoning was that they should be encouraged to complete their work quickly. Their task was to find land, provide infrastructure, encourage development and improve the local environment, bringing in as much private-sector investment as possible.

"Just an indigestion tablet for me — I've come straight from a working breakfast"

A future in the baking

PETER TRIEVNOR

Gary Frank: "I had nothing to start with so I had nothing to lose"

GOING from boom to bust in the financial futures market failed to break the spirit of Gary Frank. He bounced back to launch The Delicious Donut Company selling sweet snacks to corner shops, catering companies, schools, hospitals and leisure centres.

Mr Frank enjoyed a tremendous lifestyle on Wall Street in the 1980s. He said: "I was trading futures for myself with my own funds. I was your typical yuppie with all the trimmings. I started in 1982 just at the right time for the business boom. Everyone was making money. It was as easy as shooting fish in the proverbial barrel."

He admits that, like so many speculators, he developed the belief that he could not go wrong. Able to earn as much as £60,000 in a particularly good week, he invested more and more. In the crash in October 1987, he lost the lot.

He said: "The more you trade, the broker builds up confidence in you and he asks for small deposits to cover considerable amounts of investments. When the stock market fell 10 per cent in a day there was not enough money in my account to cover the margin calls. Overnight, I was broke."

After the initial shock, Mr Frank felt relief that all the pressure of his life as a speculator had been lifted off him. He sold his last remaining possessions to buy a ticket back to Britain and lived on £37 a week unemployment pay near Oxford, where he had once been a student. His transport was a bicycle. His degree was in philosophy and psychology and his CV looked unimpressive so a City job was out of the question at a time when the finance sector was laying off staff. On the other hand, he was overqualified for a more humble job.

He said: "I was on the dole for 12 months. I enjoyed that time. There were no pressures and I enjoyed the simple life. I played tennis and cycled. But I wasn't going to spend the rest of my life on the dole. One night I dreamt about doughnuts. It sounds corny, but it is true.

"With hindsight, if I had known how much work I was going to have to put into setting up making them, I wouldn't have done it."

The first step was to look up doughnuts in the Yellow Pages telephone directory. A local company supplied raw materials and ingredients. Mr Frank asked for samples and recipes which he took round shops in Oxford to gauge the potential market. Then he had to find premises, a van and machines to make the doughnuts.

He says: "From waking up with the idea to putting signs on the door took six months. The hardest thing was finding premises."

Obtaining financial backing was easier. Mr Frank said: "The banks at that time had a more positive attitude and the Government's enterprise scheme paid £40 a week. People said I was very brave to set up my own business, but I had nothing to start with so I had nothing to lose. For guys with perks such as company cars and pensions it would have been a huge risk to plunge into the unknown. The only way I could go was up."

Mr Frank started making doughnuts in a 900 sq ft factory at Witney, Oxfordshire, in May 1989 with one assistant.

He said: "I came in at midnight and made doughnuts until 6am. I loaded the van and delivered to London, came back at 1pm to do the paperwork and make phone calls, grabbed a little sleep and started all over again at midnight. After six months of that I was nearly dead. Looking back on it now, I don't know how I survived the first year. I was tired all the time. I was falling asleep at the wheel of the van."

First year turnover was £40,000. In the second year, it was £300,000. It has now reached £2.5 million and the company employs 50 people in a new 10,000 sq ft factory.

Rodney Hobson

Although conditions are improving for small businesses, careful planning can eliminate many of the risks involved in going it alone. Valuable advice and information on setting up and running a small business is available in the 1995 edition of the Lloyds Bank Small Business Guide, published by Penguin at £15. It is a comprehensive manual for the would-be entrepreneur and the established business seeking inspiration. A limited number of copies are available free to readers of *The Times*, by calling 0345 616717.

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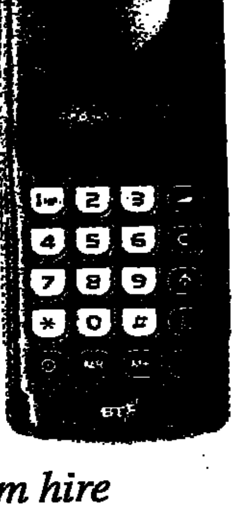

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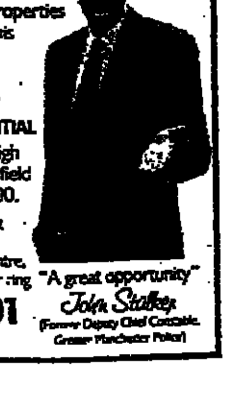

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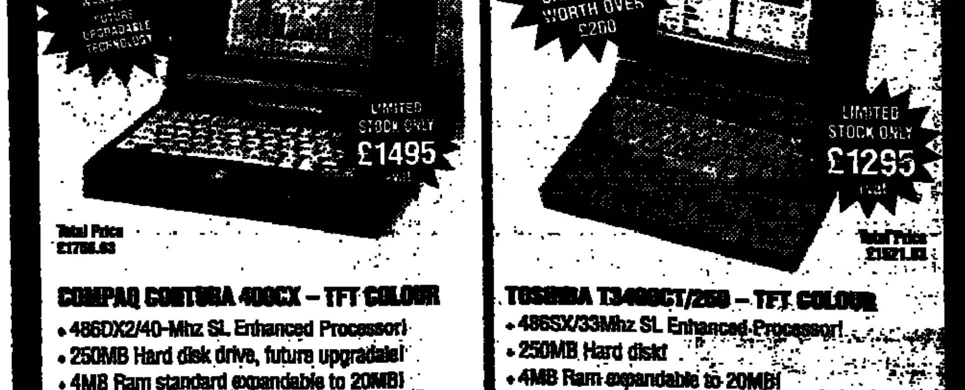
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Unclassifiable but undeniably impressive, André Masson's powerful paintings come to London

Giving shape to the new century

Richard Cork reviews two stunning shows in Paris this spring — of sculpture by Brancusi and paintings by Chagall

Although Brancusi has long enjoyed a legendary status, his sculpture is frustratingly hard to find. British public collections have only a few of his works, and devotees must make an arduous journey to Brancusi's native Romania in order to see his culminating masterpiece, the monumental ensemble of table, gate and column at Tirgu-Jiu. Because so many of his carvings are fragile, Brancusi exhibitions have been rare. But the Pompidou Centre is celebrating springtime in Paris with his first-ever French retrospective, and the outcome must be seen by anyone eager to grasp the full extent of his outstanding achievement.

The singlemindedness and sheer originality of Brancusi's work might suggest that he basked, from the outset, in a tenacious sense of certainty. The truth is quite different. As the much-bullied son of a Romanian peasant, he lacked the advantages of a more cossetted upbringing. His schooling was very disrupted, and came to an end at the age of 13. Brancusi's carving skills eventually won him a place at the Bucharest School of Fine Arts in 1898, but the work he produced there was academic. Only six years later, after he settled in Paris, did he shed his provincial caution and develop a boldness which had a profound, tonic effect on the language of modern sculpture.

The initial exhibits in his Paris show are traditional enough. Sensitively modelled bronzes of boys and babies' heads declare a debt to Rodin, who employed him briefly as an assistant. But we are soon confronted by the sudden, astonishing emergence of Brancusi's individuality. Paris exposed him to a welter of challenging new ideas, and in 1907 he found his own voice at last. Modelling *The Prayer*, a weeping woman in plaster for a funerary monument, he stripped her kneeling form of all descriptive detail. Only the essential structure remains, and yet alongside this formal toughness Brancusi invests the sculpture with a finely judged pathos.

However uncompromising his zeal for experiment became, he never lost this underlying sensitivity. Nothing could be more tender than the first version of *The Kiss*, a theme that would grow into a lifelong obsession. Cutting into a modest block of stone, he emphasises the absolute, urgent intimacy of the two embracing figures. They press their faces together with a childlike belief in their ability to fuse, and Brancusi's respect for his material reinforces the feeling of oneness. We are acutely aware, looking at this small yet revolutionary work, of an artist who wants the stone's inherent character to help him to shape the final sculpture.

Throughout his life, Brancusi retained a love of first-hand involvement with stone and wood. Carving direct, an ideal that inspired so much impressive European sculpture in the first half of the 20th century, stressed a robust, physical engagement with the material in the studio. *The Kiss* is left in a deliberately raw state, far removed from the polished perfection cultivated by suave Salon sculptors. In common with others of his generation, Brancusi preferred the roughness of so-called primitive art. They revered African and Oceanic work, preferring its vigour to the exhausted conventions of the classical tradition.

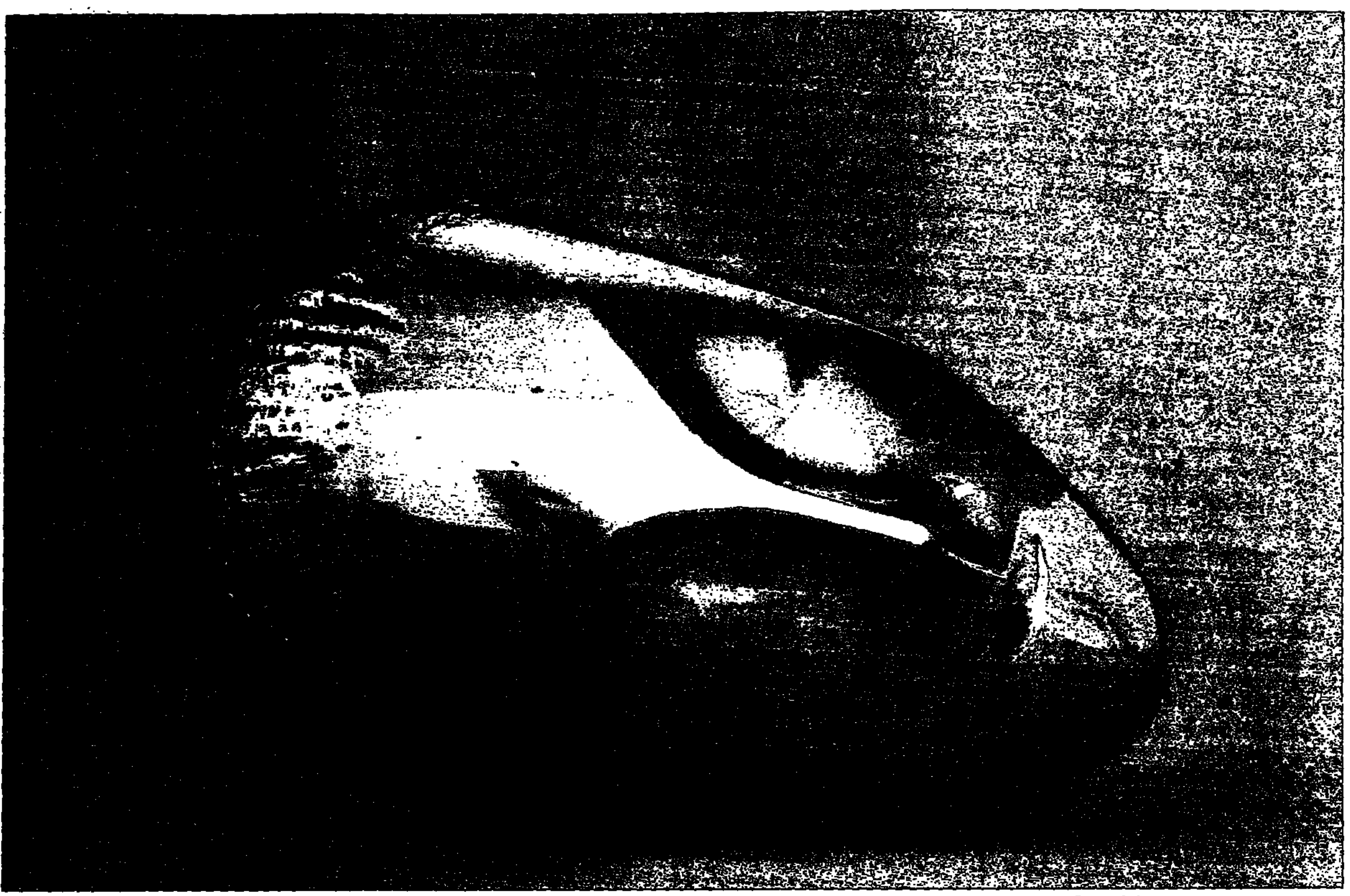
Brancusi gradually became preoccupied with the notion of recovering the origins of form. Time and again in the Pompidou show, sculpture is reduced to images redolent of eggs, sperm and foetal growth. Even when heads are represented, their features hardly seem to have emerged from some primordial state. *Muse Endormie*, one of Brancusi's most concise and memorable pieces, lies on her side with imperturbable poise. Her serenity is enhanced by the gleaming surface of the bronze. For Brancusi knew precisely how to use smoothness as well as its opposite, and make burnished reflections add to the enchantment.

In his ceaseless pursuit of some inner essence, radically separated from the superfluities of outer reality, this indefatigable sculptor concentrated on a limited range of motifs. Sometimes he verges on monotony, but the Paris survey discloses that each restatement of a theme is subtly different from its predecessors. A *Maiastra* in purged white marble appears quieter by far than the same "magic bird" in lustrous bronze. The various versions of the strangely phallic *Princess* likewise repay careful scrutiny, and I applaud the brave decision to display the sculpture without the perspex cases so often imprisoning them in other museums.

> ‘Brancusi's intention was to recover the origins of form’

Freed from such encumbrances, we become more conscious than ever of Brancusi's fascination with the plinth. Or rather, with ensuring that the support or base is treated as an integral part of the sculpture as a whole. He makes no real distinction between the various parts, and delights in juxtaposing a polished organic form at the top with a more coarsely handled geometric structure beneath.

In places, this love of combining diverse elements can look fussy. But then we come across a sublime trio of *Birds in Flight*, as simple and graceful as tall sails bending tightly in the wind. And at the end of the show, an entire room is devoted to one superlative piece: the marble *Fish* from New York, its impeccable grey surface flecked with white like the slightest of waves on a breeze-whipped sea. At his finest, Brancusi pared his images down to an irreducible state without sacrificing their manifold, enriching relationship with the natural world.



Muse Endormie, of 1910: one of Brancusi's most concise and memorable sculptures. The serenity is enhanced by the gleaming surface of the bronze. (© ADAGP)

Chagall, whose early career is being examined at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, could hardly offer a greater contrast. Where Brancusi opted for stillness and abhorred narrative, Chagall rejoiced in boisterousness and loved telling stories with an excitable use of line and colour alike. In one respect, though, the two men are united. Both of them escaped from provincial regions far outside France, and came to maturity only after settling in Paris.

Chagall came from the Russian town of Vitebsk, and started his career by studying there under a local painter. But he was precocious enough to become aware, very quickly, of the most experimental movements in art; and his very first exhibits in the Paris survey reveal a lively awareness of Post-Impressionist ideas. They did not, however, lead him down the Brancusian path to purity of form. Cubism affected him soon after the move to Paris in 1910. But even in the large, self-consciously modern *Hommage à Apollinaire* he did not relinquish his quirky, anarchic sense of fun. Chagall insisted on painting a self-portrait with seven fingers, in an image so bizarre and dream-like that it looks like a forerunner of Surrealism. He also thought nothing of slicing a head in two, setting the detached half free to float in a magical space of his own ordering.

But there is nothing violent about Chagall's work. When the outbreak of war stranded him in Vitebsk, he started producing images of wounded soldiers and anxious wives which carry no hint of martial exuberance. In 1914, the onset of hostilities was widely hailed as a great adventure. Chagall, however, painted an ageing Russian newspaper seller burdened with forebodings of the carnage to come. Although the war prevented him from returning to Paris for several years, he did not stagnate in his native land. On the contrary: the Paris show proves that Chagall was at his best during this turbulent period.

Marriage and the birth of a daughter inspired some of his most ebullient paintings. Chagall and his wife defy gravity, flying over Vitebsk in a rush of romantic ecstasy. The Russian Revolution led to his appointment as Commissar of Art for Vitebsk and the surrounding region. With irrepressible energy, he founded an art school and a museum, as well as organising lively street decorations to honour the Bolshevik victory. But he clashed with Malevich over the need for total abstraction, and increasingly found himself out of step with official ideas about the direction art should pursue.

The exhibition suggests that the tension and upheaval of his Russian years gave Chagall a drive and resourcefulness he subsequently lost. Anyone who resists the saccharine flavour of his later work will find little to bridle at here. By terminating the show in 1922, the organisers ensure that Chagall is shorn of the sentimentality and prettiness that afflicted his art after the return to Paris.

And the final section sounds a triumphant note. After decades of obscurity, banished in disgrace to a Soviet storeroom, his ambitious wall-paintings for the Jewish Theatre in Moscow are being displayed in France for the very first time. Recently restored, these jubilant images demonstrate that his Russian period reached an effervescent climax on the grand scale.

Many of the characters who animate his earlier work are brought together again here, in an uninhibited celebration of his Jewish heritage, his family and the people whose antics he had observed with such relish in Vitebsk. Damaged and incomplete they may be, but these resurrected decorations symbolise the re-emergence of an artist whose early career amply deserves this fresh, timely appraisal.

● *Constantin Brancusi is at Centre Pompidou (00331 44781233) until Aug 21; Marc Chagall: Les Années Russes is at Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris (00331 47236127) until Sept 17*

Le juif rouge, of 1915: Chagall rejoiced in boisterousness and loved telling stories with an excitable use of line and colour

AROUND THE GALLERIES

JOHN Dodgson is one of English art's sad stories. Born in India in 1890, he went to Eton and Oxford, and was at the Slade in one of its great periods, just before the First World War. Some of this one might deduce from the work, most surviving examples of which (40 paintings and 30 drawings) are on show at the Fine Art Society in what is now presumably about the largest possible retrospective. Though he was not enormously productive, Dodgson's small surviving output must be put down largely to a fire which devastated his studio in 1964, five years before his death. What is now visible compounds regrets: Dodgson proved to be a real original, difficult to fit into any pigeonhole. His paintings, in subdued but glowing colours, are of landscapes and interiors, mostly peopled. He has a strange way of conventionalising his humans which sometimes suggests Mervyn Peake, and one can also see connections with the Neo-Romantics of the Forties.

Fine Art Society, 148 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-629 5116) Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, until May 19, then at Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, May 27-July 23, and the Royal West of England Academy, Bristol, July 30-August 19.

☐ James Lynch, one always hastens to say, is not just an animal painter. It is a necessary caveat, because his pictures of pigs and bulls and chickens are so wonderfully life-like, completely unanthropomorphic, that his other qualities could easily be lost sight of. In his new show there are splendid examples of the animal work, including a series of illustrations commissioned by the Folio Society for a new edition of *The Wind in the Willows*, in which, significantly, Mole and Toad are not humanised at all, and certainly not clothed. But Lynch is a painter first and foremost, and there are also wonderful Palmerish landscapes, bathed in a visionary glow, and some coolly elegant interiors.

Maas Gallery, 15a Clifford Street, London W1 (0171-734 2302) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, until May 19.

☐ Few paintings are more vividly evocative of bohemian, bed-sit London in the Fifties than Peter Samuelson's portrait of *Family and Friends*, now on show at Philip Graham's gallery, transplanted from a poky cottage in Kensington to a spacious, gleaming white basement in Finsbury. Samuelson, now 82 and himself transplanted for some years from Earls Court to the depth of the Oxfordshire countryside, still paints the same types of slightly rough young men and sensible middle-aged women with the same luminous clarity: the style has broadened slightly, but the colour-harmonies are as exciting and unexpected as ever. Samuelson is a remarkably strong and individual painter, with a disciplined professionalism which allows his fantasy, erotic and otherwise, to play gracefully around his people without ever getting too far out of hand.

Philip Graham Contemporary Art, 9a-11 Bonhill Street, London EC2 (0171-920 0350), Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, until May 13.

Pontivy, 1937, by André Masson: an artist too big or too odd to fit any one category

☐ Though André Masson (1896-1987) usually finds himself classified among the Surrealists (he had a long but stormy on-off relationship with Breton and French Surrealism), he is too big or too odd to contain in any one category. There are paintings in the small but choice retrospective at the Mayor Gallery which are vaguely Cubist, like *Le Masque* and *Dominos*; there is detailed, luridly coloured realism like *Dans l'Herbe*; there are splattered free-form abstractions like *Figures Jubilantes*; sweeping Impressionist landscapes like *Panorama Nocturne*; and even a couple which look like chips from Renoir's workbench. There is no doubt that several of the images are very powerful. But maybe the stature one accords the artist is a little less because it is difficult seeing them all as the work of one man. If these are the spokes, where is the hub?

Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street, London W1 (0171-734 3558) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until the end of May.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Pop goes Bowie the artist

THE uneasy marriage of pop music and art, as demonstrated last year by Paul McCartney, Bryan Ferry and David Bowie himself in a group show at the Flowers East Gallery, was never more evident than at the private view of Bowie's first solo exhibition at The Gallery in Cork Street last week. Fans and celebrities jostled with the critics to see the chrome heads and the pilasters wallpapered with a series of computer-generated Minotaurs under the title *New Afro Pagan*.

Bowie trained in art before committing himself to music, but on the evidence here it is clear that his albums will continue to delight long after his art is forgotten.

The strongest works are the portraits in charcoal and in acrylic — notably the baleful *Head of J.O.* This study of Iggy Pop, with its suspicious green eyes glaring out of a blue face, has some of the emotional directness of the 1920s and 1930s portraits by the German Expressionists, whose works Bowie has collected.

But the computer-generated images sap the integrity of the portraits. Bowie collaborated with Laura Ashley for the wallpaper works and his guitar-toting *Minotaur*, in the *Afro-Pagan II* series, is superimposed unhappily on a classical urn and acanthus leaf background in two bilious shades of green and purple.

At the opening Bowie admitted that "while I was creating the computer art, I didn't pick up a paintbrush for more than a year". Unfortunately the sacrifice has proved needless.

Bowie the art collector — he has a large collection of British 20th-century art — is now himself collected. Charles Saatchi immediately purchased two pictures from this exhibition, but although Saatchi has helped to establish artistic reputations before, this will not be enough to launch Bowie into the artistic Top Ten.

KATHERINE BERGEN

● *David Bowie is at The Gallery in Cork Street (0171-437 2812) until Saturday*

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THE DUCHESS OF MALFI *Opening night for Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind.* Philip Franks directs Greenwich Theatre's sell-out success.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, Wed, Sat, 3pm.

THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap *heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent* comedy with a bite. Serona Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous *companion and boss. Mark Raymond* directs.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Previews tonight, 8pm, opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat 5.30pm.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. Opening night for Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit and Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7pm. Then Wed-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Thurs and Sat, 2pm ♿

ELSEWHERE

BELFAST Gordon Kaye stars as a mild-mannered, normal enough guy, apart from the fact that his best pal is a six-foot invisible rabbit — **Harvey**. Rue McClanahan plays his long-suffering sister in Mary Chase's delightfully barmy Pulitzer Prize winner, West End bound.
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street (01232 241919). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm. Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm ♿

CREWE Choreographer Mauro Bigonzetti follows his popular *X N Tricotes* from last year's **English National Ballet** season with *Symphonic Dances*, to Rachmaninov's music. It premieres this week in a programme that includes Balanchine's *Square Dance* and Lichine's comedy *Graduation Ball*.
Lyceum, Heath Street ♿ (01270 537333). Tonight, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm. Then in **Barrow-in-Furness**, Forum 28 (01229 820000), Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30 and 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM Opening night for Roy Marsden and Jayne Ashbourne as professor and "pupil" in **Pygmalion**. Anthony Clark directs a co-production with Duncan C. Weldon.
Repertory, Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats some Thurs and Sat. No perf May 8. Until May 20 ♿

Also in Birmingham tonight, Roger Norrington, fresh from the Arvo Pärt festival in London, conducts the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** for a two-night programme of Dvořák's *Serenade for Strings*, Schumann's *Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra* and Mozart's Symphony No 41, *Jupiter*.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Tonight and Thurs, 7.30pm. ♿

PRESTON Richard Hickox takes up his baton with the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic** tonight for a popular programme of Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 2 and Elgar's Symphony No 2. Dimitri Alexeev is the soloist.
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEFORE SUNRISE *(15).* Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from *Slacker director Richard Linklater*.
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

LE COLONEL CHABERT (PG). Stodgy presentation of a good Balzac yarn about a man thought dead trying to reclaim his past. With Gérard Depardieu and Fanny Ardant.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** ♿ (0171-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18). A *decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play,* but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson.
Barbican ♿ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Screen/Hill** ♿ *(0171-435 3366)*

LA FRONTERA (15). Ricardo Larrain's *atmospheric first feature about a Chilean* exiled to an isolated village.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18). Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ *(0171-792 3332)* **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15). *A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman,* Hugh Grant and newcomer Georgina Cates.
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◆ ***DUMB & DUMBER*** *(12). Idiotic,* good-natured comedy that outstays its welcome, with Jim Carrey and Jeff *Daniels. Director, Peter Farrelly.*
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) ***Chelsea*** *(0171-352 5096)* **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** *(01426 914098)* ***UCI Whiteleys*** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ ***JUST CAUSE*** *(18). Harvard law* professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous *investigative thriller, with Laurence* Fishburne. Director, Arne Glimcher.
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◆ **LITTLE WOMEN** (U). Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th-century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Gabriel Byrne. Gillian Armstrong directs.
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◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG). Nigel Hawthorne reigns *supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented* monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner; with Helen *Mirren and Ian Holm*.
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POETIC JUSTICE (15): Over-ambitious romantic odyssey from *Boyz 'N' the Hood director John* Singleton, with Janet Jackson and Tupac Shakur.
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◆ **THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION** *How to survive long* decades in prison. Engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.
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OPERA: A noisily silent intruder fails to spoil **Rodney Milnes**'s enjoyment of brilliant Bizet

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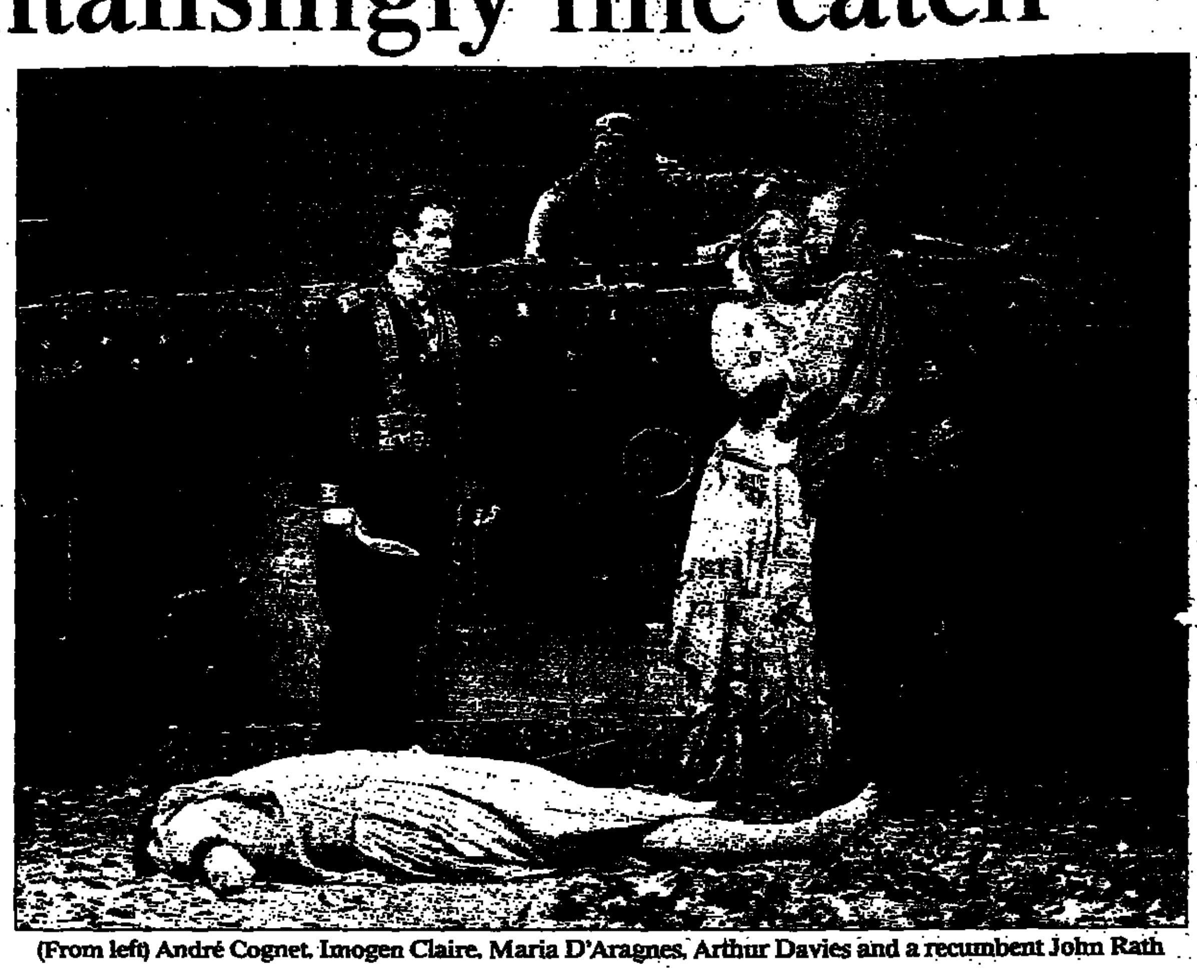

(From left) André Cognet, Imogen Claire, Maria D'Aragnes, Arthur Davies and a recumbent John Rath

Opera North has launched its spring season of French opera with a revival of Bizet's indestructible cornucopia of melody. Is there an opera in the general repertory with a less distinguished libretto? Does it matter? The 25-year-old composer simply shrugged it off and drowned its clichés in music of surging inspiration — it's one damned tune after another.

Friday's first night was brilliantly conducted by Dietfried Bernet, who is under contract to all three opera houses in Vienna and on this showing plainly deserves to be. The energy he brought to the performance fully matched Bizet's, and the evening hurtled along with exhilarating momentum. But he also knew exactly when to relax the pressure — the Temple Duet was gloriously expansive — and how to make the most of the grand effects: the moment when the big tune of the love duet moves into the major, and the lead-in to the reprise of the Brahma chorus at the end of the second act, were thrilling.

The orchestra responded with crisp, gutsy playing, and the excellent chorus (trained by Martin Fitzpatrick) fielded a wide dynamic range, from hushed pianissimo to ear-splitting fortissimo in the more bloodthirsty passages.

There was one outstanding newcomer in the cast, the French baritone André Cognet (Zurga). His voice is beautifully round in timbre, and he sings off the words in the classical French manner, without this ever affecting the breadth and purity of his musical phrasing.

The French soprano Maria D'Aragnes was almost his equal in clarity of projection, and sounded happier in Leila's lyrical music than in the coloratura, which went slightly awry. She made a pleasingly fleshly priestess, one fully experienced in moonlight trysts, and tended to react to all circumstances — even imminent immolation — with a seraphic smile. This was well within the Gallic tradition. Arthur Davies, an experienced Nadir, sang his part in the Temple Duet beautifully, risked a dreamy pianissimo for *Je crois entendre encore*, and just about brought it off. Bizet demands the risk — full marks for trying.

Philip Prowse's production is now in its second state — Fry's Turkish Delight orientalism with lots of incense rather than the Somerset Maughamish colonial drama unfolded eight years ago. But the constant is still the extra (silent) character mimed, as always, by Imogen Claire, who dominates the action and takes command of many key moments, including the final curtain. This is now beyond a joke, and I am amazed that principals still put up with being upstaged in this way. After all, the show could not go on without them, but it could without Claire, and to its considerable advantage.

CONCERTS: Contemporary British music of a nostalgic nature in London; and a Bartók opera in Manchester

Back to the future

British Music Now
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AS HE told us in a brief address from the platform on Friday, Oliver Knussen could hardly aim for comprehensive coverage in a three-concert series, even one with the title British Music Now. Instead, with the Nash Ensemble (under Martin Brabbins) and the BBC Symphony Orchestra, he opted to focus on a small but representative group of composers whose work is close to his own heart.

Robin Holloway and Colin Matthews were formative influences on him, while Mark-Anthony Turnage and Julian Anderson are composers of the next generation who have looked to Knussen for guidance. Friday's concert was devoted to just two works by Holloway: *Fantasy Pieces on the Liederkreis of Schumann* and *Domination of Black*.

That the neo-Romantic, nostalgic idiom of these works is more likely to find favour today than in the more didactic years of the composer's earlier career is noted by Holloway with wry satisfaction. The *Fantasy Pieces*, however, are a remarkable exercise in archaeology, since they incorporate a complete, unadorned performance of Schumann's *Liederkreis* (given admirably here by Philip Langridge and John Constable). The work amounts, in fact, to musical cannibalism, and represents a notable gesture of defiance, albeit one with a high risk. The pithy memorability of Schumann's ideas was hardly replicated in the commentaries that followed, despite the Nash's eloquent performance.

Domination of Black is quite another matter. This, too, takes Schumann Lieder as a starting point — eight of the Op 35 Kerner settings — but they serve to generate a far more cogent discourse. A formidable scherzo third movement, entitled *Night Hunt*, gallops wildly through the forests of German Romanticism, Weberian horn calls whooping, heroic Wagnerian motifs ringing. It builds to a thrilling climax, the first of two in the work; the second, even more stupendous, comes in the blacker fourth movement.

This is heady stuff, giving voice to primal Romantic urges that prove not to have been laid to rest with Schoenberg: they have merely been lying dormant, waiting to be resurrected by Holloway.

BARRY MILLINGTON

A red-hot Bluebeard

Hallé/Nagano
Free Trade Hall,
Manchester

THE Manchester audience can be devastatingly apathetic towards music it doesn't know. It is also uncannily sensitive about programmes which will work and those which will not. The combination of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and Bartók's *Duke Bluebeard's Castle* clearly did not fire the imagination, and the half-full house was, in that sense, all it deserved.

Bartók's opera, never performed at a Hallé concert before, needed to be presented in a context — along with, say, The Dance of the Seven Veils from Strauss's *Salome* and perhaps another turn-of-the century study in the erotic. A programme like that, though liable to overheating, would have announced the sort of work *Bluebeard* is, and would have aroused interest.

Kent Nagano no doubt had his reasons for opting for the chastity of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony. If they were to do with his strategy for developing the style and technique of the orchestra one can only respect them and, certainly, it was gratifying to observe the refinement of the woodwind here and, in spite of the occasional hint of disarray, the firm lines drawn by the strings.

The Hallé is still, however, the sort of orchestra which sounds at its best in those magically colourful moments when a new facet of Bluebeard's personality is revealed, as his defences are gradually stripped away, in Bartók's story of the seven doors. Those sound pictures were well prepared and brilliantly executed and would have been even more effective if Mihaly Kalmandi had secured some interest in the character he represented. He sang well enough, but impassivity in that role can usefully only go so far. As Judith, on the other hand, Sylvia Sass gave a performance which was impassioned, voluptuous and no less engaging in these concert conditions than it would have been in the opera house.

Balance between the voices and the orchestra was not ideal and the beginning was unnecessarily complicated by a less than totally audible narrator (Renny Krupinski). But Nagano accumulated and sustained a dramatic tension that finally moved the audience to cheers.

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Out of the studio, onto the stage

Patrick Caulfield has forsaken his easel to design for the ballet. **Allen Robertson** reports on a Covent Garden collaboration

Hiring an artist to work as a designer is nothing new. It is a tradition that stretches back to the Renaissance court spectacles concocted by Leonardo da Vinci. Ever since, both artists and dance companies have reaped the benefits of such collaboration. At the beginning of this century painters became a linchpin in the creative life of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes. Luring artists such as Picasso, Rouault and Matisse away from their easels became a chic form of publicity for both painter and ballet company.

On Thursday the latest of the Royal Ballet's collaborations with a painter comes to fruition when Patrick Caulfield's new sets and costumes for *Rhapsody* will be unveiled.

> ‘The artist is there to celebrate the dance, not upstage it’

Unlike Caulfield's first commission for Covent Garden a decade ago, when he designed Michael Corder's *Party Game*, the choreography for *Rhapsody* was already in place. It had been devised by the late Frederick Ashton in 1980. "So," says Caulfield, "what I simply did was to get a ground plan of the old set. Realising that the choreography was already established, I used the old floor plan as my starting point.

"When Brian Robertson first suggested I do this ballet he said to me: 'Make it simple and keep it clear.' So I did. The whole stage is clear. The central main entrance down the stairs, the stairs themselves and the colonnade are all exactly where they used to be. Everything else I've done is through colour and it really is just the background."

A decade ago, when Robertson was an artistic consultant at Covent Garden, he inaugurated a policy of wedding British painters and choreographers. "He's been an amazing catalyst between the ballet and painters and sculptors, getting them to work together at Sadler's Wells and the opera house."

As a result of Robertson's efforts the Royal Ballet went through a phase where Victor Pasmore, Jack Smith, Diana Petherbridge, Howard Hodgkin, Bruce McLean and Caulfield (among many others) worked in the theatre. But in 1985 an ignoble brouhaha erupted between choreographer Corder and the New York-based abstract expressionist Helen Frankenthaler. Though collaborating they found themselves at odds. Corder was thrilled with Frankenthaler's backdrops, but felt her costumes did the movements a disservice. He asked that they be modified. Frankenthaler demurred. Their difference of opinion eventually led to an uncomfortable compromise. Half of the performances were danced in her streaked and splotched costumes, half in plain white garb.

Clashing with Frankenthaler brought Corder (and by extension the whole opera house) up against a famous, wealthy and undeniably tough woman who, in the end, was not able to do what any designer does as a matter of course — compromise. For, unlike easel artists alone in their studios with no one to please but themselves, the theatre is a communal pursuit. Any new production is an inevitable process of give and take defined by constant small adjustments. An artist must be willing to be part of a team and be capable of accepting the fact that he or she is not actually meant to be the centre of attention. It's no good for a designer to steal the limelight from the dancing or the score. The goal is a symbiosis, a melding of style with content. The artist is there to celebrate the dance not to upstage it.

Caulfield, who is a leading member of that group of British artists who came to prominence during the 1960s, agrees that design must be about collaboration. He points to his contemporary, David Hockney, as a prime example of an artist with an intuitive feeling for the theatre. "He has really embraced the medium and, I think, it's actually helped his other work. The theatre is really right for him."

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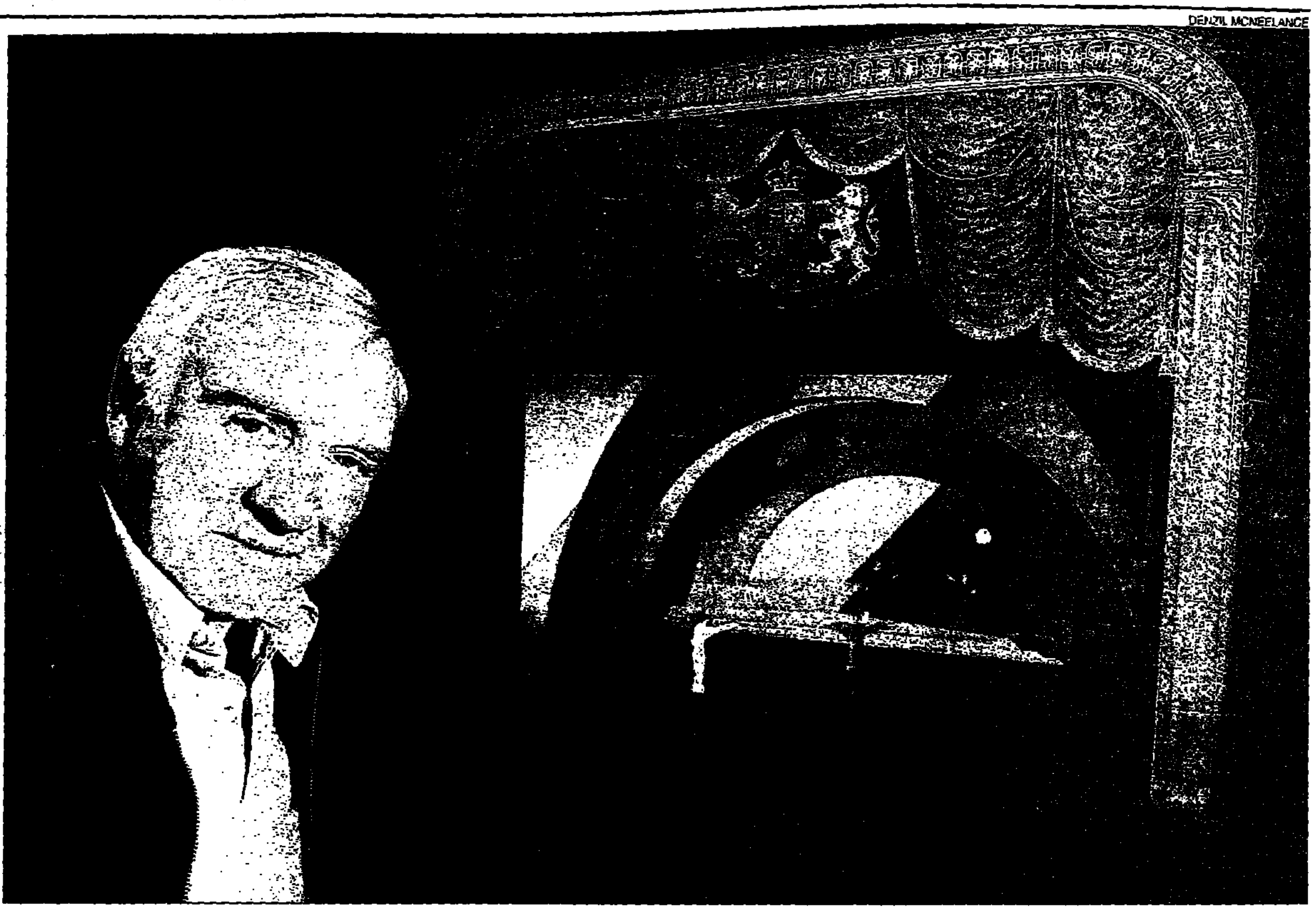

A far cry from the pink and gold prettiness of the original: Patrick Caulfield with his radical new set for the Royal Ballet's production of Ashton's *Rhapsody*

For himself, Caulfield admits he would like to do more theatre designs — some day. "To do this occasionally is very good. I've enjoyed the whole experience of *Rhapsody* but," he says with a tinge of stage-fright creeping into his voice, "it would be just as scary to do this over again."

One of the reasons behind his nerves could be the fact that Caulfield has definitely not played safe. What the audience will see on stage on Thursday is a virtual polar opposite to the pink and gold prettiness of the original. Caulfield's powerful, heavily drenched colours give *Rhapsody* a more exotic flavour than the initial production, created by Ashton as a present to the Queen Mother on her 80th birthday. At that time the soft, even timid designs coupled with a popular classical score — Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* — made this a delectable bauble. Now that sweetness has gone in favour of something altogether more vibrant and daring.

Caulfield never saw the original. "My only knowledge of it is a very grey video which the ballet company lent me, but I love the music. It's a bit corny, but I quite like that. I thought it had a Mediterranean or slightly Eastern feel about it. That's why I went for Turkish influences. I think the colours I've used are very Mediterranean. I don't mean in terms of nature or light, but the way they paint their walls and their houses. That's what I was picking up on when I was listening. I suppose that's a very spurious thing, but I had to start somewhere.

"The truth is that there is no theme. There is no time or place. It's ambiguous, which is fine with me because I'm not a narrative painter. I rarely do figures."

That may explain why Caulfield's costume sketches were life-sized rather than normal drawings. Rumour has it that he had his au pair lie down on a piece of paper and then drew round her body so he would have an anatomically correct pattern from which to work.

"I'm not a dressmaker. I do the design and let somebody else worry about the execution, let the experts transform it into their own medium. But, since I never, ever show paintings in progress, I found doing something like a ballet can be scary. I had to talk to people to work out the costumes and they were always going on about seams and things that had to do with how the fabric would move. Which", he agrees, "is essential. After all, movement is what it's all about. I didn't mind that, in fact it's exactly what I wanted. But I do admit this was very different from the way in which I usually work.

"As it is," Caulfield continues, "I've done a very minimal design. I made the set three-dimensional but they had to paint it in *trompe l'oeil* so that they would be able to shift it during an interval.

"Fortunately, Viviana Durante [the ballerina on opening night] seemed quite happy with the sketches, even though people had been saying 'Oh, really. I don't think Viviana will want sleeves.' Well, I felt she had to have sleeves. If she didn't she'd have nothing, just like flesh, she'd look like a ghost. You've got to have something to put the colour on or it's not a design.

"You know, what I've learnt out of all this is that the opera house is a factory continually churning out the next production. I don't mean that in a disparaging way. Given the seedy kind of circumstances in which they have to work I really admire the way they produce glamour out of nothing. I suppose that's what they mean by the magic of the ballet."

● Rhapsody *opens at Covent Garden (0171-304 4000) on Thursday night*

POP: Rapper steps out of the limelight

Hit and runner

Warren G
Apollo, W6

WARREN G clearly likes to pace himself, to take things gently. Stardom means letting someone else do the work. For the first half-hour of his set, he leaves the entertaining to his crew of four musicians, five rappers and one scratching DJ. It may be Warren G's name on the ticket and on the posters, but there is no sign of the man himself.

Maybe he can afford to relax. His debut 1994 album, *Regulate ... G Funk Era*, has sold three million copies and he is now in the vanguard of the new wave of Californian rap. Instead of the aggressive anger of the street fighter, Warren G is the casual observer. Instead of thundering beats and police sirens, we get gentle grooves and delicate trills.

He brings the same aloofness to his live shows. The two opening numbers are band instrumentals, in which the guitarist auditions for a Jimi Hendrix look-alike competition. He's got Jimi's felt hat, his scarf and his teeth trick, and all the panache of Mike Yarwood.

Next there is an airport announcement, landing lights and the sound of a jet ... but still no Warren G. It is the turn of the G Funk rapping crew of two young lads (The Twins) and three women (The Five Foota Crew). The boys tell tales of street life: the girls mutter about the pain of love. But it remains all preface and no plot, albeit enlivened by the appearance of DJ Rectangle, a gawky lad whose anxious expression belies incredible dexterity at the turntables.

When all this is over, it is at last the turn of the reticent Warren G. Strolling across the stage, he raps through his recent hit *Do You See*. His brief sojourn in the spotlight ends when he retreats behind his crew. While they strut about, he looks on like a proud elder brother.

And so the show continues, with Warren G shifting in and out of the limelight, letting nothing get too passionate and keeping the conversation casual. Just how casual becomes clear in the final number *Regulate* when, with smoke drifting across the stage, the lights are used fully for the first time. With the troop of rappers, the DJ and the musicians, the circus comes alive, even if the ringmaster still prefers the whisper to the whip.

JOHN STREET

THEATRE: Raw revival; failed fantasy

Old Bennett good as new

Enjoy
Nottingham Playhouse

First, the whirligig of time. In 1980 Alan Bennett's prophetic comedy folded three weeks after its London opening, with the critics of the day advising him to stick to something called the particularities of dialogue and leave social comment to others. Whirl forward 15 years and the revival of the play by Jeremy Sams is welcomed with such enthusiasm that the clapping turns to cheers as the cast takes its bows.

Perhaps the first production missed the point. Certainly there are enough toilet jokes and standing penis jokes to lead a director and his cast into neglecting the serious substance that exists around them. Bennett must take the responsibility for planting signposts that point this easy way. When the disabled Dad (James Bolam) eventually brings himself to mention the son who left home at 16 to investigate the public toilets of London, he says: "He'd have loved me if he'd had the chance." But he follows this with: "I don't see how he could have stopped himself", and, while this is entirely true to the self-regarding character Bennett and Bolam make of him, a disclosure of vulnerability is laughed off.

The play is set in one of the last back-to-back houses in Leeds, in a district being bulldozed into history. Mam (Anne Reid), is losing her memory. Into their uncomfortably neat home comes an observer from the council: silent, coolly efficient, sober grey skirt extending to mid-calf. They assume that this is something to do with their imminent rehousing in a tower block, but while Mam does end up being rehoused, it is in the same back-to-back, meticulously reconstructed in a heritage museum.

DONALD COOPER

James Bolam as the arrogantly plaintive Dad in *Enjoy*

This conclusion may have seemed unlikely 15 years ago, but Bennett could sense the way the world was turning, forward and back at the same time. He looks at what the council refers to as traditional communities — and which Dad defiantly calls slums — with a little affection, but with a great deal more satiric criticism. For all their funny ways, the traditions Mam and Dad uphold betrayed their offspring.

The reappearance of the son (Stephen Noonan) is a skilfully managed shock, and the play's construction proves generally satisfying, although the writing treads water a couple of times in the first half.

This apart, Sams paces its development acutely, so that the final moments are exhilarating, elegiac and tart. Heading a fine cast, Bolam snarls and whinges. Reid sighs and witters, comically pathetic specimens mislabelled "The Past" to mislead the future.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Invalid one-way ticket to nowhere

Night Train
Lyric Studio, W6

VICTORIA WORSLEY founded Jade Productions "to promote new work that embraces new forms", although to date the work promoted has been her own plays, Jeremy Kingston writes. Nothing necessarily reprehensible in that, of course. The company has been going only three years and she may now be preparing to promote someone else's work — perhaps to direct it, as she did her last play, or to act in it, as she does in this.

Reviewing *And All Because The Lady Loves* ... Kate Bassett wrote: "Worsley is certainly not in love with naturalism." Her latest piece shows little sign that she has grown to care for it.

A woman is leaving town. A man delays her at a lamp-post on the corner of the street. Somewhere behind the corrugated iron wall a trumpeter is playing. She says she has a train to catch. Central America calls her. He appears to believe this. When her story changes he believes the new one but wants her to stay. Advancing awkwardly towards him, then retreating, she may also want to stay. Sometimes she likes him kissing her, sometimes not.

Her wayward conversation strongly suggests a faltering grip on reality, but the character as Worsley writes and plays it conveys no coherent inner world, no structured defence system that persuades us she exists. Playing opposite her, Ewan Bailey has a go at his character and fleetingly makes him plausible during his longer speeches. But he switches responses at his author's whim.

Theresa Heskins's direction does not find a way of making us interested in the woman's behaviour. Charles Balfour's lighting is atmospheric, as is Jim Howard's trumpet playing. But this is not enough.

FESTIVAL: A mystic master celebrated

Pärts that others cannot reach

LPO/Norrington
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE music of Arvo Pärt and other composers of the Baltic states is no longer a cult phenomenon: it has become a mainstream obsession. So it was no surprise that the first night of the South Bank's three-week celebration, *Emerging Light*, should have attracted an enthusiastic, capacity audience.

But many must have been surprised by what they heard, for Pärt's name is synonymous with the slow-moving, mystical music so popular today. Or, to quote the promotional blurb for *Emerging Light*, "his music exudes an aura of exquisite tranquillity and real beauty that cannot fail to touch your soul". And yet the first four pieces in this concert, all from the 1960s, showed a very different face of the composer: a would-be modernist with a surreal, macabre sense of humour reminiscent of Schnittke.

The Second Symphony displayed these tendencies most graphically. It begins quite unsymphonically, with pizzicato figures in the strings, soon augmented by a row of joke-shop squeeze-bags. Serial groupings and percussive outbursts build to a riotous climax. The players take mock offence, throw their music to the ground, and begin to storm out. But mellifluous Tchaikovskian strains seduce them back, and the work ends in a mood of consolation tinged with irony.

The *Collage sur BACH* and *Credo* both draw on the music of J.S. Bach to bridge the gap between tradition and modernity. The second movement of the *Collage* alternates a Bach Sarabande played by solo oboe and strings with a weird parody of it in clusters on harpsichord, piano and strings. The *Credo* uses the most straightforward of all Bach preludes, the C major from Book I, as background for the statement of belief in Christ, but spiritual doubt brings musical anarchy. When the prelude returns later it is in a gloriously inflated apotheosis worthy of Stokowski that offers no simple solutions to the problems of faith.

After the interval, a leap of 30 years was made to Pärt's recent composition, *Litany*, receiving its British premiere. This setting of 24 short prayers by St John Chrysostom is characterised by vocal lines of penitential austerity (intoned in exemplary fashion by the Hilliard Ensemble) enhanced by haloes of light provided by flutes or violins, with bells adding splashes of colour. If the *Litany* exhibits a distressing tendency towards fashionable ostinato figures, one never feels that direction or spirituality are absent.

The London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir were on excellent form, and if one wondered what Roger Norrington was doing mixed up in this, the answer came in a flash of "emerging light" when Pärt, bearded with bald pate, joined him on stage. Is this a spiritual affinity, or could they by chance be related?

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Legal advice is still essential when a marriage breaks down, says **Nigel Shepherd**

Don't divorce the lawyer

On Thursday the Government will publish its long-awaited White Paper on reforming divorce law. The aim is to end our fault-based system and put paid to the bitterness felt in many divorces. The so-called "quickie divorce" will be scrapped and in its place divorce will become a "process over time", during which couples will have to sort out arrangements for children and finance before being granted a final decree.

Solicitors specialising in family law, most of them from the 3,500-member Solicitors' Family Law Association (SFLA), hope that the proposed changes will create a new way for couples and families to deal with the breakdown of a marriage. But there is a danger that the warning voices the Lord Chancellor has heard since he published his initial proposals in December 1993 may be ignored.

The association advocates an approach that combines independent advice with an encouragement to clients to search for fair solutions. Family law solicitors are wholly supportive of the desire of Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, to reform the legal grounds for divorce. However, we in the SFLA are worried about how the Government may implement his proposals and what they may mean in practice.

There can be little doubt that reform of divorce is long overdue. The current need to show that a marriage has irretrievably broken down by establishing one of a mixed bag of separation and fault-based facts is at best illogical and at worst destructive.

Couples who wish to separate and divorce by consent after two years are often driven into making allegations against each other just because the court's powers to make final lump sum and property adjustment orders have to wait for the divorce itself to happen. So the Government's proposal that the irretrievable breakdown of a marriage be established by one or both parties filing a statement of breakdown, followed by a year for reflection upon, and dealing with, the consequences of divorce for children and personal finances, merits support.

This waiting period will be wasted, however, unless people can get consistent and helpful information about their options and the divorce process. The SFLA supports the Government's aim that this be available. We would like to see a standard pack published, containing local information on the range of help and services available.

So far, so good. But the SFLA disagrees strongly with the suggestion in the consultation paper — expected to be included in this week's White Paper — that all those seeking a divorce should have to undergo a personal interview aimed at steering them away from lawyers and into mediation, come what may.

Who is going to conduct these interviews? Surely nobody wants a sort of Son of Child Support Agency? We do not believe that a compulsory first interview is needed, nor that an independent organisation needs to be set up to provide information. Both would be costly and time-consuming.

Instead, professionals such as mediators, counsellors and family lawyers should be accredited to provide information. The importance of getting early legal advice must be emphasised. There is a world of difference between information and advice. Inherent in the Government's call for compulsory initial interviews is the notion that couples can do without legal advice. In attempting to cut "costly" lawyers out of the equation, it must not fall into the trap of thinking that mediation is a universal panacea.

Mediation — whereby couples are helped to resolve their differences by the presence of a trained facilitator — can be a useful tool. Many of our members are trained mediators and we have been involved in developing mediation techniques since we began in 1982. This is why we know it is not appropriate for many couples: it is not a substitute for legal advice. Where mediation is appropriate, solicitors have a key role to play in buttressing it by offering advice where needed.

After successful mediation, the client will need legal advice on the agreement and on presenting it to the court. Possible conflicts of interest mean that one solicitor cannot advise both parties.

This argument is not about panicky solicitors looking to retain their role. Last year the Joseph Rowntree Foundation publicised its findings into the impact of mediation on more than 500 couples and concluded: "Their [lawyers'] legal expertise was appreciated by clients who felt the presence of lawyers gave the [mediation] process and outcomes a greater validity."

The Government's stated aims in reforming divorce include saving saveable marriages, ensuring that people understand the process and the consequences of their decisions and minimising bitterness and hostility. There is no reference to the need to protect the individual and to strive for a fair settlement.

Divorce is a legal process and a legal system that excludes lawyers exposes the vulnerable to the stronger. The way forward is for the different professionals — mediators, counsellors, family lawyers and others — to work in partnership. The SFLA supports changes that encourage constructive solutions. We do not support changes that prevent access to legal advice for legal problems.

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The degradation of death row delays

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Earlier this month, Nicholas Ingram was executed in the electric chair in Georgia after spending 12 years on death row. The case of this British-born murderer vividly illustrates how the American legal system breaches the fundamental rights of those on whom capital punishment is inflicted.

The death penalty has been abolished in almost all developed societies. It has little, if any, deterrent effect on capital crime, there is an unacceptable risk of executing a person who has been wrongly convicted and retribution is adequately met by imposing long terms of imprisonment — if necessary for the whole of the offender's natural life. Moreover, executions demean those societies which implement them, as shown by the bizarre circus in which Ms Vicki Gavalas, spokeswoman for the Georgia Department of Corrections, gave regular briefings on Ingram's words and actions in the hours leading up to his death.

Whether or not there is a case for capital punishment as a permissible penal measure, courts in Europe, and elsewhere, have recognised that it is a breach of basic standards of decency for the State to execute an offender after keeping him on death row for several years.

In 1989, in *Soering v United Kingdom*, 18 judges of the European Court of Human Rights unanimously held that it would amount to inhuman or degrading treatment contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights for the Home Secretary to extradite a West German citizen to the American state of Virginia to face a charge of capital murder. The court held that the extradition would breach Article 3 because in Virginia prisoners were often held on death row for a period of six to eight years before execution, during which time the condemned prisoner "has to endure the anguish and mounting tension of living in the ever-present shadow of death".

In November 1993, in *Pratt v Attorney-General for Jamaica*, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that it would be inhuman or degrading treatment contrary to the constitution of Jamaica for the appellants to be hanged, having spent 14 years on death row after their convictions for murder. Lord Griffiths, giving the judgment on behalf of seven Law Lords, explained that if a State wants to retain capital punishment, it "must accept the responsibility of ensuring that execution follows as swiftly as practicable after sentence, allowing a reasonable time for appeal and consideration of reprieve". The Supreme Courts of India and Zimbabwe have reached similar conclusions.

The Privy Council and the European Court have said that it is no answer for the State to plead that the delays in implementing capital punishment are the consequence of appeals by the prisoner. Lord Griffiths pointed out that it is "part of the human condition that a condemned man will take every opportunity to save his life through use of the appellate procedure". If that procedure enables the prisoner to prolong the hearings over a period of years, "the fault is to be attributed to the appellate system that permits such delay and not to the prisoner who takes advantage of it".

There is, as Lord Griffiths explained, "an instinctive revulsion" against executing a person who has been under sentence of death for many years. Such revulsion is a mark of our humanity, in that "we regard it as an inhuman act to keep a man facing the agony of execution over a long-extended period of time". The Privy Council concluded that any execution more than five years after sentence would probably breach the prisoner's fundamental rights.

Other societies have recognised that delay in the implementation of capital punishment is intolerable. In Plato's *Phaedo*, we are told that it was only because of the sacred season of the year that "Socrates lay in prison and was not put to death until long after he was condemned" — in fact 30 days. In *The Gulag Archipelago*, one of Solzhenitsyn's indictments of Stalinist penology was that "famed geneticist, N.I. Vavilov, waited several months for his execution — yes, maybe even a whole year".

We all have to come to terms with our own mortality. But an execution imposes exceptional mental agony on the victim who, as Dostoevsky explained in *The Idiot*, suffers the "certain knowledge that in an hour, in ten minutes, in half a minute, now, this moment, your soul will fly out of your body, and that you will be a human being no longer".

It is torture far more cruel than death itself for a person to be kept on death row in a state of suspended animation, knowing that on any day the authorities may carry out their announced intention deliberately to extinguish his life.

Nicholas Ingram was an evil murderer for whom few tears should be shed. But his treatment shames and degrades the American legal system. This sorry saga also reflects no credit on the Prime Minister, who should have intervened on behalf of Ingram, a British citizen (as well as an American), to tell the state of Georgia a few basic truths about fundamental human rights.

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OUTS

A vote for Society

THE Law Society council this week votes on its preferred candidates for post of president, vice-president and deputy vice-president. Normally, the council elects only the deputy vice-president, who then moves routinely to vice-president and on to president. But with the first contested elections to be held for 40 years, the council can only declare its preference — the actual vote rests with the 70,000 solicitors in England and Wales.

For the first time, too, the voting process may be held in open session. Of the three candidates for president, Henry Hodge, now deputy vice-president, is certain to win the council's vote by a good margin. This will be considered the "kiss of death", by Martin Mears and Eileen Pembridge, the two rival candidates.

Hodge is undaunted. "I have been on the council for 11 years," he says, "but I have always seen myself as a bit of an outsider in a rather establishment organisation."

Table turning

YOUNG accident victims should receive higher damages awards after a pledge by the Lord Chancellor to act on proposals from the Law Commission last year.

The commission recommended the use of actuarial tables and information from the money markets when courts calculate damages for victims' future losses. They should also simplify procedures for awarding damages through a series of annual payments, rather than in a lump sum. Sir Michael Ogden, QC, who chaired the working party that drew up the guidance on the tables, said that judges have not been making high-enough awards.

Justice delayed

UNACCEPTABLE delays in bringing child-abuse cases to court are highlighted in a Crown Prosecution Service study of 200 prosecutions. Despite a government commitment more than seven years ago to expedite such cases, *Prosecuting Child Abuse*, by Joyce Plotnikoff and Richard Woolfson (Blackstone Press, £12.95), found that these cases take longer than the national average to reach trial and that the child's welfare is often affected by judicial prejudice.

Fitting verdict

BEWARE lawyers quoting the Sale of Goods Act. A London shoe shop manager told the magazine *In Brief Monthly* about young lawyers appearing in his shops carrying scuffed shoes, that they claim are only six months old, saying: "My client is not able to come in and have them exchanged, as is his right."

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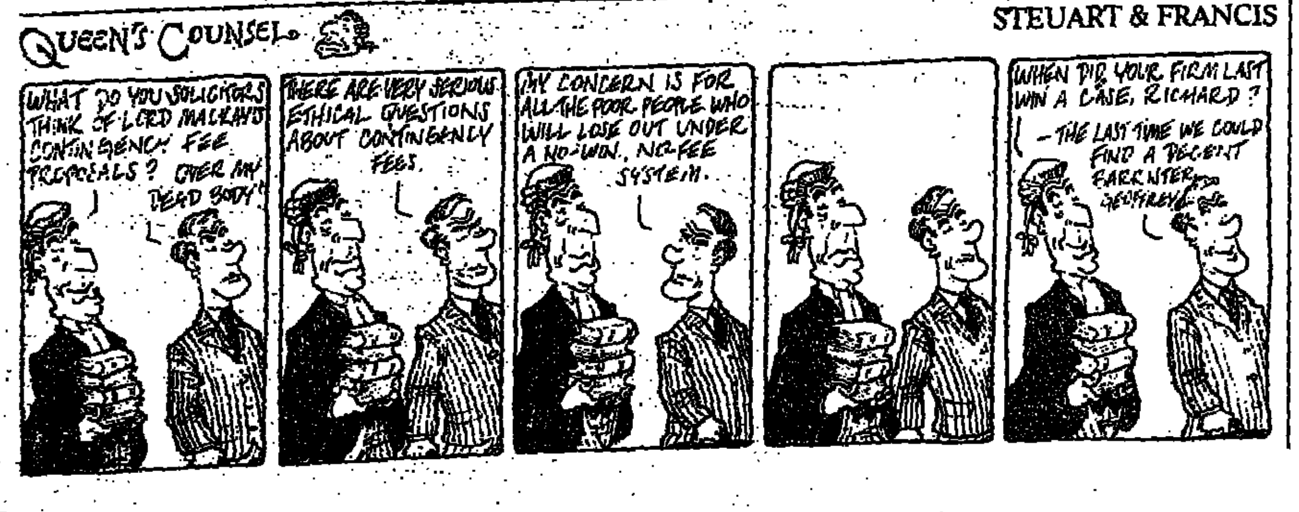
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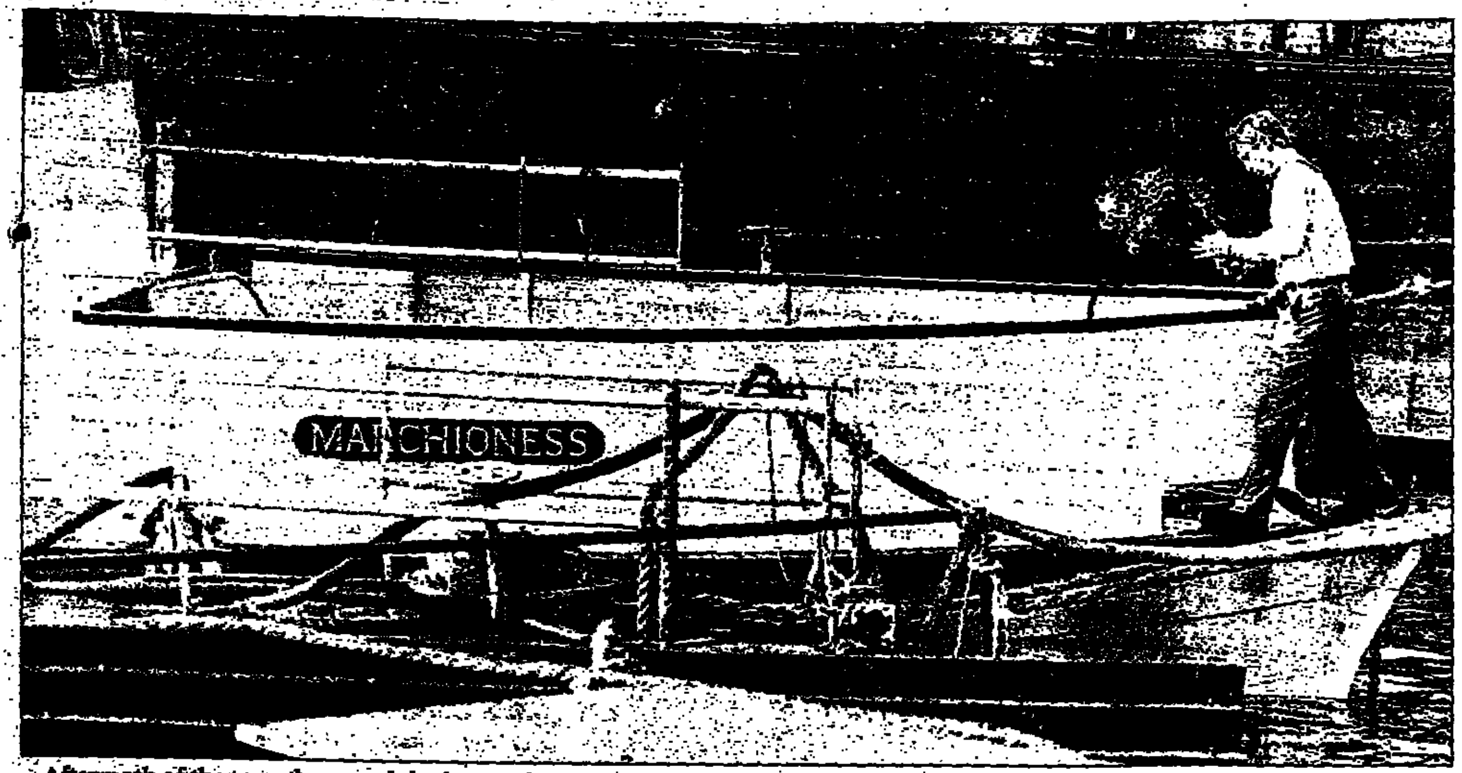

Aftermath of the tragedy: wreath-laying on the *Marchioness* underlines the poignancy of the accident in which 51 lives were lost

We don't need inquests

Gareth Watkins says the 900-year-old institution of the coroner's inquest is outmoded and should be abolished

The recent verdict of "unlawful killing" on the victims of the *Marchioness* pleasure boat disaster raises more questions than it answers, and calls into question the value of the institution of the coroner's inquest — particularly in cases of large-scale loss of life.

To the bemusement of the public, the verdict resulted in contradictory responses from the two opposing camps. The *Marchioness* Action Group (representing some of the bereaved families and survivors) welcomed the verdict in the belief that it vindicated a long fight for justice. The *Bowbelle's* owners, on the other hand, issued a statement insisting that the unlawful killing verdict could not relate either to themselves or to the ship's master.

The *Marchioness* sank on August 20, 1989 after a collision with the dredger *Bowbelle* on the Thames, with the loss of 51 lives. That catastrophe gave rise to a number of legal inquiries and proceedings. These have included a police investigation, an inquiry by the Marine Accident Bureau, two inconclusive trials of the *Bowbelle's* skipper for breach of statutory duty, abortive manslaughter prosecutions against four managers and directors of the *Bowbelle* and two separate sets of inquests.

How could this latest inquest produce such a farcical result, which can only serve to bring the law and legal processes into disrepute? The answer lies within the nature of the coroner's inquest itself — a 900-year-old legal anachronism. It meanders on, achieving little and for the most part doing no great harm.

Occasionally, however, the institution lurches into public prominence achieving the twin evils of producing firstly a spurious and wholly Pyrrhic victory for anguished relatives, and secondly the implication of a manslaughter verdict without any charges having been laid, or in some cases in spite of charges having been laid and successfully denied.

Apart from the lawyers (who get their fees) and the press (who get a good story) nobody wins. Hardly surprising that relatives are left still calling for a full public inquiry whilst employers take refuge behind the fact that inquest juries are prohibited from bringing in verdicts which explicitly link criminal or civil liability to named individuals.

The key criticism of the inquest is that its inquisitorial approach sits ill with the adversarial legal proceedings which may arise out of the same set of facts. Technically, at an inquest there is no accuser, no allegations, and no defendant. It is simply an inquiry into the cause of death. However, the cause which the inquest is probing is not only the medical cause of death but also the legal cause: and that sometimes involves consideration of whether an offence has been committed. Typically, in workplace or transport/leisure accidents the question is whether the deaths were accidental or caused through an act of gross negligence, ie, involuntary manslaughter.

When a person is tried for manslaughter in criminal proceedings the allegations are put well before the commencement of the trial and the evidence upon which the prosecution relies is disclosed. However strong that evidence may be, the accused at least knows what case he has to meet. At an inquest it is possible that an unlawful-killing verdict will be returned on the basis of evidence which might be disallowed, discredited, or simply rebutted in criminal proceedings.

Then there is a temptation to venerate the institution of the coroner's inquest simply by virtue of its very antiquity. This should be resisted. There is no intrinsic reason why an institution which has lasted for 900 years is suited to the needs of society today. Nine hundred years ago there was no police force nor bodies to enforce safety standards. There was a real justification for a public examination in all cases of violent or unexplained death. Not so today.

Of course, there is a demand for an element of public examination and accountability. But this can be satisfied within the existing statutory framework. For example, the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 gives the Secretary of State for Employment and the Health and Safety Commission power to direct that a public inquiry be held into accidents and to compel the attendance of witnesses.

The inquest is an outmoded institution, particularly in relation to multi-fatality disasters. The principle of public examination can be maintained without the disadvantage of verdicts that bring the legal system into contempt. It is time to bury the inquest.

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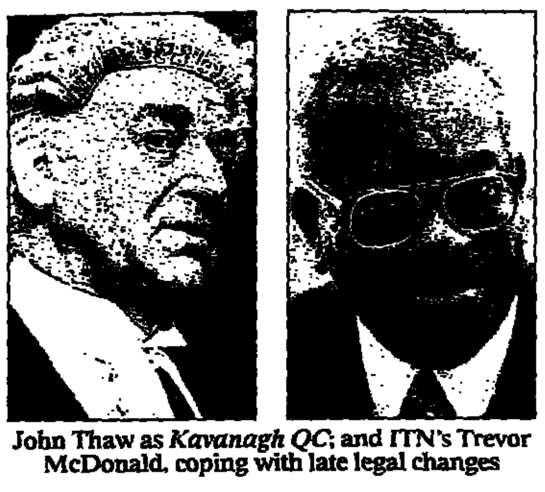
The show must go on

Duncan Lamont talks to the television lawyers whose task is to try to catch legal slips before transmission

Noël Coward said: "Television is for appearing on, not looking at," but for TV lawyers — not Clive Anderson or John Thaw's *Kavanagh QC*, but the anonymous specialists — there needs to be a lot of "looking at" before safe transmission. The broadcast programme may be very different from the original material.

News reports, comment and satire programmes require the closest scrutiny. Episodes of BBC1's *Crimewatch* seldom create legal problems because most of the information comes directly from the police. The arrest of suspected criminals is clearly in the public interest, so privilege protects the presenters and producers from libel writs.

More problems arise when tough-talking, hard-hitting personalities have a go at their pet hates, political or otherwise, on programmes such as *Have I Got News for You*. A BBC in-house solicitor explains: "The programme is recorded only a day before broadcast and the legal team sees only Angus Deayton's script — what there is of it — a few hours before that. We may have a chance to consider the framework and analyse one or two potential problems but the impromptu responses from guests are the best part of the show. At the end of the recording session, the lawyer in the studio examines the programme to ensure that nothing disastrous is broadcast. Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are pretty experienced. They add the odd 'allegedly' and emphasise the humour. In context, it was not defamatory to replace would-be guest Roy Hattersley MP with a tub of lard when he dropped out of the show."



John Thaw as *Kavanagh QC*; and ITN's Trevor McDonald, coping with late legal changes

The BBC lawyers have to call for only a few cuts (allegedly) and the producers sew everything together again so flawlessly that there is still the feel of a live show.

The lawyers are often involved in programmes right from the start. BBC lawyers deal with the contracts of presenters such as the footballer Gary Lineker and the Radio 1 DJ Chris Evans, and ensure that the terms are satisfactory to all sides. Informal agreements will not do; as Sam Goldwyn allegedly said: "An oral contract is not worth the paper it is written on."

The BBC has a big in-house litigation department and can cope with huge libel actions, ranging from that brought by the American pharmaceuticals company Upjohn against *Panorama*, to rather less expensive problems such as a BBC apology to Paul McKenna after Terry Wogan suggested on radio that the hypnotist might use stooges during his act.

Spitting Image creates fewer problems than viewers might expect, given the ferocity of the latex demolition of egos and reputations. Though royalty and politicians are ever more willing to go to court, there is little they can do when subject to lampooning. It would be difficult to argue that the *Spitting Image* producers are malicious — they have a go at everyone. And for many, publicity is better than anonymity.

For television news lawyers, the most pressing problem is less often libel than the risk of prejudicing a trial and falling foul of the contempt laws. Perusing the script is usually not enough. Much depends on the images that go with the words. Recruits are told of an apparently innocuous report that went disastrously wrong when, during an item on corruption, library film of a factory with its name boldly visible appeared on screen.

For the television lawyer, breaking stories cause the most problems because decisions have to be reassessed as every piece of the news jigsaw reaches the studio, often within minutes of going on air. Newscasters such as Julia Somerville or Trevor McDonald demonstrate their cool when their scripts on the autocue are changed seconds before the cameras start. A news item can change dramatically between the early evening slot and the *News at Ten*, but one person never seen on Channel 4's *Drop the Dead Donkey* is the suited lawyer guiding the editor through the minefield of libel and reporting restrictions.

Christopher Winder, a television news lawyer, says: "Part of the fun is the fact that you usually know almost nothing in advance of the news item you are asked to approve, coupled with on-air deadlines and the impossibility of obtaining some balancing quotations. Television news has to err on the side of caution because, with a huge audience, and the added impact of colour film, a mistake can draw a correspondingly large penalty. TV news reports and the teams that produce them have a reputation for accuracy and fairness. Tabloid excesses tend to be avoided."

But the lawyer is not always involved in last-minute decision-making. Unlike newspapers, which have to replenish themselves on a daily basis with stories and investigations, there can be the luxury of time to prepare or reflect. Gill Johnson, a London Weekend Television lawyer, explains: "The legal department deals with all kinds of contracts, from choreographers (*The South Bank Show*) to stuntmen (*London's Burning*) to would-be 'gladiators'.

"A programme such as *Gladiators* involves hundreds of different contracts. We license the format from the US owners, Samuel Goldwyn, and we have to deal with all the UK aspects, including application forms from competitors, contracts for gladiators such as Wolf and Ice and the presenters, insurance, the venue and production staff. I also look closely at merchandising. There are product licences for about 50 spin-offs from the show, from toothbrushes to *Gladiators* pasta shapes."

For the time being, however, the media lawyer remains behind the scenes. Allegedly.

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Lancashire begin to lose patience waiting for Wasim

By Michael Henderson

WASIM AKRAM, the Lancashire and Pakistan all-rounder, will face a disciplinary hearing unless he appears at Old Trafford in time to play in the Benson and Hedges Cup match against Leicestershire today. Last night, neither the club nor his agent knew where he was.

Lancashire had expected Wasim, 29, to arrive in England last Friday, two days before their opening Benson and Hedges game against Minor Counties at Leek. Jonathan Barnett, the player's London-based agent, said yesterday that Wasim had been given dispensation to miss the match, a suggestion scotched by the club.

Barnett did not know where Wasim was, understanding only from an unknown and uncertain source at the player's Lahore home that he was "on his way to England". According to Barnett, Wasim was due to arrive at Heathrow on Sunday morning.

It is the second time in a month that Wasim has failed to report in time to carry out his commitments. At the beginning of April, he missed the start of the one-day tournament in Sharjah. Lancashire, who have made him the highest-paid cricketer in England on a contract that expires next year, will demand a full explanation.

Rose Fitzgibbon, the club's cricket secretary, spent the weekend telephoning various homes in England and Pakistan. Last night, she said: "When we spoke to Jonathan Barnett two weeks ago, he told us Wasim would be arriving on April 21. I am awaiting a call from Barnett to tell me what is happening."

Should Wasim be available today, Lancashire are likely to take a tolerant view. If he is not, then according to Geoff Ogden, the club's cricket chairman, "it is clearly a serious matter".

Wasim has played for Lancashire since 1988, often brilliantly, but his frequent absences through injury and, as happened last year, selection for Pakistan at the end of the English season, have tested the patience of club officials. Lancashire want to tighten up Test and County Cricket Board procedures for signing overseas players to ensure they are available throughout the summer.

"Wasim knows the situation," Ogden said. "He has told us how much he wants to play for Lancashire, but the fact is we don't know where he is." It is inconceivable that Lancashire will dismiss him, but, with Pakistan visiting England next summer for three Tests, a parting of the ways in September looks ever more likely.

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, refused to blame the nine-wicket defeat by West Indies at Port of Spain, Trinidad on Sunday on a pitch that he and Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, agreed was not suitable for Test cricket. "That didn't decide the winner of the game," Taylor said. "They [West Indies] played the better cricket."

The result, which levelled the series at 1-1, sets the scene for an enthralling final match in Jamaica, which starts on Saturday. Despite having not lost a Test series in 15 years, the West Indies will not be looking to protect that record by playing for a draw.

"We don't believe in that at all," Richardson said. "We play every match to win. We want to win in Jamaica and win convincingly."

Durham seek chance to atone at Edgbaston

By Simon Wilde

THE repeated success last year of Warwickshire, the Benson and Hedges Cup holders, has left no shortage of rivals eager for revenge. High on the list are Durham, who, when the counties last met on June 6, 1994, were taught a lesson and given a date they — and the cricket world — will never forget.

The words "Brian Lara" and "501" are best spoken only in whispers in the north east and not at all within earshot of Phil Bainbridge, whose refusal to set up a run chase in the championship match for fear of what Lara might do, enabled Warwickshire to continue their historic first innings.

Durham return to Edgbaston today with the added incentive that victory would make qualification for the knockout stages extremely difficult for Warwickshire, who lost to Nottinghamshire in their opening fixture on Sunday.

While Warwickshire threw away a winning position at Trent Bridge, Durham showed new depths of resourcefulness in beating Leicestershire at Stockton after batting first and slumping to 39 for 6 and 96 for 9. Bainbridge, who has been replaced as captain by Mike Roseberry, is excluded from Durham's party of 13 and Warwickshire have a doubt over Piper, their wicketkeeper, who has a shoulder injury.

Kent and Yorkshire make belated entries to the competition. Kent, for whom Aravinda de Silva makes his debut, are at home to Surrey, who will be without the injured Butcher and have fitness problems with Thorpe and Benjamin.

Yorkshire entertain Worcestershire at Headingley and have Gough, who is fully recovered from the foot injury that ended his tour of Australia. Leatherdale plays for Worcestershire in place of Church.

Johnson, who has ankle trouble, may play for Middlesex at Chelmsford, where they have never beaten Essex in four attempts in the competition.

Davies bestrides women's game

Patricia Davies reports on another victory for a world No 1 at present in a class of her own

LAURA DAVIES is not the only woman golfer in the world. It just seems like that at the moment because she is in such commanding form, having won yet again, on Sunday, in Georgia.

The four-shot victory in the 54-hole Chick-fil-A charity championship at Eagle's Landing Country Club, near Atlanta, confirmed Davies as a bird of rare talent, soaring far above the competition. It was her second win of the season in the United States and she earned $75,000 (£51,000) in the process to consolidate her position at the top of the money list again with $282,040 and as the indisputable world No 1.

Three consecutive rounds of 67, five under par, brook little argument although Davies, who had to finish her second round on Sunday morning because of bad weather on Saturday, was only a shot ahead of Dottie Mochrie after 36 holes. However, an eagle at the 3rd hole in the final round and birdies at the 7th, 8th and 9th gave the Englishwoman all the leeway she needed.

"I putted well all week," Davies said. "I made more than my fair share of putts and you don't win unless you can putt because there is such a high standard of golf out here."

Her opponents might be forgiven for thinking that, however high their standard, Davies, like Jack Nicklaus in his pomp, is unbeatable. Kelly Robbins, the American Solheim Cup player who finished a rather distant second after a last round of 66, summed it up. "Laura's tough to beat no matter where we are," she said. "When she gets going, you can't stop her."

At 31, Davies has now won 35 tournaments all over the world, 11 of them in the United States. That total includes her victory in the 1987 US Women's Open, a win that has still to be included in her list of Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) victories simply because she was not a member of the LPGA at that time.

At the rate Davies is winning, that piece of nonsense will have to be rectified, for she is a prime candidate for the LPGA Hall of Fame, despite her protests to the contrary: "I'd have to be playing — and winning — at 50 and I don't really play enough in America."

Davies proposes to play in about 17 events in the United States this season — she competed in 22 in 1994 — and, for the second successive year, she is giving the opposition a chance to keep her within range by missing the Sprint Championship this week, the richest individual event on the LPGA calendar with a first prize of $180,000. Davies, the golfing globetrotter, will be in Japan instead.

Then, on May 18, she will be making her seasonal debut in Britain, at the Ford Classic at Chart Hills in Kent.

Davies chips out of a bunker on the 18th green on her way to victory in Georgia

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England slip to surprise defeat

ENGLAND lost their Commonwealth table tennis title in controversial circumstances when they were unexpectedly beaten 4-3 in the final by Hong Kong in Singapore yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

England struggled from the opening contest, which Carl Prean lost 16-21, 21-15, 19-21 to Chan Kong Wah, the world No 55, and were then rocked by an umpiring incident early in the second game of the deciding contest.

The ball appeared to stick in sweat on the palm of Alan Cooke, who failed to toss the ball up high enough on serve and was faulted by the umpire. The decision infuriated Prean, his partner, who received a yellow card. Prean and Cooke then slid to an 18-21, 15-21 defeat at the hands of Chan and Lo Chuen Tsung.

The England women's team lost 4-1 to Hong Kong, the title-holders and No 1 seeds.

Tait misses out

Equestrianism: Blyth Tait, the former world three-day event champion, has withdrawn from the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton horse trials next week because of doubts over the fitness of his horse, Aspyring (Jenny MacArthur writes). The New Zealander has been runner-up at Badminton three times in the past five years.

Rodney Powell has withdrawn Comic Relief and Terry Boon has also had to pull out Vital Decision.

Eubank returns

Boxing: Chris Eubank will fight Bruno Ruben Godoy, the Argentinian champion, in his comeback appearance at the Kings Hall, Belfast on May 27. "Godoy is a typical Argentinian fighter, strong, come-forward with a good chin," Barry Hearn, the promoter, said.

Race cancelled

Cycling: The 110-mile Tour of the Marshes, which was to have been held next Sunday, has been cancelled after a decision by Kent police not to authorise its promotion.

Court of Appeal — Law Report April 25 1995 — Court of Appeal

Building society entitled to charge

Boscawen and Others v Bajwa and Others
Abbey National plc v Boscawen and Others

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment April 10]

Where a building society lent money for the purchase of property with the result that a debt secured by a legal charge on the property was discharged, the building society was subrogated to the rights of the creditor under the charge.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by the defendants by counterclaim, Mr Simon John Evelyn Boscawen, Mr Martin David Reed, and Sir Richard Sutton's Settled Estates (a company), from a judgment of Mr Edward Nugee, QC, sitting as deputy judge of the Chancery Division, whereby he declared that the plaintiff by counterclaim, Abbey National plc, was entitled to a charge on the property at 20 Windsor Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey by way of subrogation to the rights of the Halifax Building Society and in priority to the interests of the defendants.

Mr W. H. Henderson for the defendants; Mr Richard Salter for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that at all material times the property was registered in the name of Narip Deep Singh Bajwa. On September 29, 1989 he charged the property to the Halifax, and the charge was duly registered in the charges register of the title.

The defendants were judgment creditors of Mr Bajwa. They obtained a charging order nisi on the property on November 4, 1991 which was made absolute on January 2, 1992. They issued an originating summons on March 31, 1992 against Mr Bajwa and Abbey for enforcement of their charging order.

An order for possession and sale was made and the property was sold. The net proceeds of sale, amounting to £105,311, had been paid into court and the present dispute concerned the rival claims of the defendants and Abbey to the funds in court.

On August 3, 1990 Mr Bajwa had exchanged contracts for the sale of the property for £165,000. The balance of the purchase price payable on completion was £140,000.

The purchasers had obtained an offer of a mortgage advance from Abbey of £140,000 which was to be secured by a first legal charge on the property. On August 9, 1990 Abbey sent £140,000 by telegraphic transfer to the client account of the purchasers' solicitors, B. Dave and Co, who were acting as solicitors for both the purchasers and Abbey. Dave received the money on terms which obliged them to use it for the completion of the purchase and to return the money if completion did not take place.

On August 16, following discussions between Dave and Hill Lawson, Mr Bajwa's solicitors, Dave gave instructions to their bank for the transmission of £137,405 to Hill Lawson's client account with Barclays Bank. On August 23 Hill Lawson remitted £140,000 from their client account to Halifax's account by telegraphic transfer. In October, B. Dave & Co ceased to exist and Mr Dave, the sole equity partner, was made the subject of a bankruptcy order.

The judge held that £137,405 of Abbey's money could be traced into the payment to Halifax and was used to discharge Halifax's legal charge. He held that in those circumstances Abbey was entitled to be subrogated to Halifax's legal charge to the extent to which its money had been used to redeem it and that nothing was left to which the defendants' charging order could attach. Accordingly, he held that Abbey was entitled to the whole of the funds in court.

It was a prerequisite of the right to trace in equity that there was a fiduciary relationship which called the equitable jurisdiction into being: see *Agip (Africa) Ltd v Jackson* ([1991] Ch 547, 566). That requirement was satisfied in the present case by the fact that from the first moment of its receipt by Dave in their general client account the £140,000 was trust money held in trust for Abbey.

Abbey had not intended to be an unsecured creditor of anyone. It had intended to retain the beneficial interest in its money unless and until that interest was replaced by a first legal mortgage on the property. The factual context in which the claim to subrogation arose was a novel one which did not appear to have arisen before, but the justice of Abbey's claim could not be denied.

Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed.

Solicitors: Arnold Fooks Chadwick; Shoosmiths & Harrison, Northampton.

Statement amounted to a representation

Moorgate Services Ltd v Kabir

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment March 29]

A statement of fact or opinion or an undertaking as to the future which was capable of inducing a credit agreement amounted to a "representation" which entitled a borrower who signed the agreement at his own premises to be informed of his right to cancel under section 67 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the defendant, Humayon Kabir, against the decision of Mr Recorder Bishop on May 18, 1993 at Croydon County Court that he was liable to pay the plaintiffs, Moorgate Services Ltd, £14,673.85 in respect of a credit agreement. The judge had held that the agreement was not a cancellable agreement within section 67.

Section 67 of the 1974 Act provides: "A regulated agreement may be cancelled by the debtor ... if the antecedent negotiations included oral representations made when in the presence of the debtor ..."

Section 189 provides: "(1) ... 'representation' includes any condition or warranty, and any other statement or undertaking ..."

Mr Jonathan Katan for the appellant; Mr Richard King for Moorgate Services Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the company had not given the borrower notice of his right to cancel the agreement, which was signed at the borrower's premises. Therefore, if it was a cancellable agreement within section 67, the agreement had not been properly executed. The court had no power to enforce the agreement if the requirement of notice of cancellation had not been complied with.

The question was whether oral representations had been made to the borrower. The definition in section 189 at first sight appeared to mean that any statement was a "representation". His Lordship readily accepted that the apparent width of the definition could not have been what Parliament intended.

The borrowers accepted that a representation must at least relate to the agreement or the goods or the transaction but they went no further than that. The company argued that a representation had to be one that induced the borrower to enter the transaction or was at least capable of inducing the borrower to enter the transaction.

The solution that his Lordship would adopt was somewhat between those two extremes. The statement must be one of fact or opinion or an undertaking as to the future which was capable of inducing the proposed borrower to enter the agreement.

It need not be shown that it did induce him to enter the agreement and the court need not inquire into the particular circumstances to see whether the particular borrower would have been likely to be so induced. Nor need it be shown that the statement was intended to induce the agreement.

It was sufficient if there was a statement which by its nature was capable of inducing an agreement. That seemed to be a sensible limit which Parliament must have intended to imply into the definition.

Having considered the evidence his Lordship concluded that representations within section 67 had been made to the borrower and therefore it was a cancellable agreement. It followed that the agreement was not enforceable.

Lord Justice Beldam gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Morgan Edwards & Kay, Thornton Heath; Paul K. Pitts, Croydon.

Landlord cannot sue successor

Wharfland Ltd v South London Co-operative Building Company Ltd

Where a tenant assigned the tenancy to another person leaving unpaid arrears of rent the landlord could not recover that rent by levying distress against the new tenant.

Mr John Crowley, QC, sitting as deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on February 6 when dismissing the appeal of South London Co-operative Building Company Ltd against the finding of Master Turner on October 10, 1994 that they had wrongly distrained against the property of Wharfland Ltd for the arrears of rent of the previous lessee.

HIS LORDSHIP said he was satisfied that if a landlord was not entitled to distrain in respect of the goods of a stranger brought on to the demised premises with his consent it seemed equally clear that he was not entitled to consent to an assignment of the lease, allow the assignee to enter lawfully into possession of the demised premises and then seek to distrain on that assignee's goods for preexisting arrears of rent.

Intent need not be proved

Regina v Aworinde

Before Lord Justice Hutchison, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Holland

[Judgment March 14]

Bogus forms of insurance certificates, even when uncompleted, could constitute documents so closely resembling genuine insurance certificates as to be calculated to deceive, within section 173(1)(c) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of Daniel Adekunle Aworinde against his conviction on July 18, 1994 at Isleworth Crown Court (Judge David Miller and a jury) of, inter alia, possessing a document with intent to deceive, contrary to section 173 of the 1988 Act, on which he was sentenced to 100 hours community service.

Mr Paul Crampin, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Miss Lydia Barnfather for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE TUCKER said that a pad of blank forms of insurance certificates which purported to be issued by Fleet Motor Policies, numbers 305799 to 305871, but which were bogus had been found by police searching the appellant's flat.

At his trial a submission of no case to answer, made on the basis that the prosecution had to show an intent to deceive and until a form was completed such an intent could not be established, was rejected.

In *R v Pilditch* ([1981] RTR 303) it was held that the words "any test certificate" in section 169(2)(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 were apt to refer to the printed and serially numbered form even before it was complete. In *R v Davison* ([1972] 1 WLR 1540) the phrase "calculated to deceive" was held to mean likely to deceive.

Doubtless if the bogus forms had been completed they would have been likely to deceive anyone to whom they were produced. But clearly the uncompleted forms might be likely to deceive anyone seeking insurance cover for his or her car.

In that sense forms such as those, albeit uncompleted, could consitute a document covered by section 173(1)(c) of the 1988 Act.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Ealing.

Voluntary report can be disclosed

In re L (Minors) (Police investigation: Privilege)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment March 14]

Where, on the application of a police authority, the court in care proceedings ordered the disclosure of a medical expert's report, obtained voluntarily by the mother and filed in the court by her without objection, no breach of her privilege against self-incrimination could arise.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing the mother's appeal from Mrs Justice Bracewell who had directed that a consultant's report, regarding the frequency of consumption of methadone by the minor, E, which had been prepared on the mother's initiative for the purposes of care proceedings, be disclosed to the Greater Manchester Police Authority.

In 1993, E, then aged two and a half, was admitted to hospital after consuming a quantity of methadone. On her discharge the local authority instituted care proceedings and removed her and her younger brother from their parents.

The mother obtained leave to disclose the court papers to a medical expert whom she commissioned to prepare a report, which she was ordered to file with the court and which, once filed, became available to all parties by virtue of rules 4.23 and 10.20 of the Family Proceedings Rules (SI 1991 No 1247).

The police authority applied to be joined as a party in the proceedings so as to obtain disclosure of the report in order to consider whether to prosecute the mother.

Miss Lindsey Kushner, QC and Miss Lesley A. Newton for the mother; Mr David M. Harris, QC and Miss Yvonne Coppel for the police authority.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS rejected Miss Kushner's first submission that the court had no jurisdiction to order disclosure because the report was protected by legal professional privilege.

His Lordship questioned whether such a document fell within the scope of the privilege, but on the authority of *Oxfordshire County Council v M* ([1994] Fam 151) the court might override that privilege if it thought it right to do so in the interests of the child.

He also rejected Miss Kushner's second submission that the court had no jurisdiction to order disclosure because to do so would infringe the mother's privilege against self-incrimination.

That was a privilege against requiring or compelling a party to incriminate himself. There was nothing to prevent a party incriminating himself by answering a question or producing a document if he was willing to do so.

It was relevant that the mother, entirely voluntarily, initiated the process which led to the writing of the report; she was not obliged to obtain an expert's report but if she wished to do so and to show him the documents filed with the court then she was obliged to obtain its leave.

But when leave was granted on the condition that the report was filed with the court, she was not obliged to take advantage of the leave granted on those terms, or she could have appealed against them.

The fact was however that she had duly filed it without compulsion and without claiming the privilege. In those circumstances its filing could not be regarded as an infringement of the mother's privilege.

The order that the report be disclosed to the police authority might incriminate her, but it was difficult to see how, at that stage, she was incriminating herself: she was not being required to do anything, whether by answering any question or producing any document.

The court was simply ordering disclosure of a document filed with it by the mother without objection. No breach of her privilege against self-incrimination could be involved.

He would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Morritt agreed.

Solicitors: Green & Co, Manchester; Mr Patrick Mulvenna, Salford.

Year of taxation of employee's deferred bonus

Griffin (Inspector of Taxes) v Standish

Before Sir John Vinelott

[Judgment April 7]

A bonus awarded to an employee by his employer, the payment of which was deferred, was to be treated for Schedule E income tax purposes as paid during the year of assessment to which it related.

Sir John Vinelott, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division, so held allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of Bethnal Green general commissioners that £85,000 paid to the taxpayer, Mr Mark Allan Standish, on or after April 14, 1988, should be treated as his income for 1988-89.

Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr David Ewart for the taxpayer.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the appeal related to a bonus received by the taxpayer on April 14, 1988 but which was a deferred payment that his employers had resolved to pay in January 1988. A letter to the taxpayer dated January 12, 1988, had contained an invitation to the taxpayer to agree to defer his receipt of the bonus.

The Crown contended for inclusion of the bonus in the taxpayer's income for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 when the top rate of tax was 60 per cent. The rate was reduced to 40 per cent for 1988-89.

The commissioners, concluding that the taxpayer had had no entitlement to the bonus until April 14, 1988 and that the bonus was properly assessable for 1988-89, had failed to answer the only issue in the case: whether the bonus was paid to the taxpayer for the calendar year 1987.

In *Bray v Best* ([1989] 1 WLR 167, 177) Lord Oliver of Aylmerton had said that "the period to which any given payment is to be attributed is a question to be determined as one of fact in each case, depending upon all the circumstances, including its source and the intention of the payer so far as it can be gathered either from direct evidence or from surrounding circumstances".

The only indication of the period for which the bonus was paid was unequivocally stated in the employers' letter to the taxpayer. It was naive to believe that by the device of deferring payment the bonus declared and resolved to be paid could be made to be taxable in a subsequent year.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Castle & Co, Hurstpierpoint.

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The rules are simple:

1) Select five batsmen.
2) Select one all-rounder.
3) Select one wicketkeeper.
4) Select four bowlers.
5) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) overseas player.
6) Your Fantasy First XI must include one (and no more than one) rising star.

All players must be selected according to the categories published here (for example a player such as Graeme Hick, listed here as an all-rounder, may only be selected as an all-rounder, not as a batsman; Phillip DeFreitas is listed here as an all-rounder — he may not be selected as a bowler).

There will be a seven-day transfer season (July 12-18, when no first-class cricket is due to be played), during which you will be able to change up to four members of your team, although your final XI must still conform to the six rules above. You do not have to change your team at all, but, if you choose to, you will receive the points scored by your original selection up to July 12 and those scored by the revised selection from the moment first-class play resumes on July 18.

Apart from these transfers, no changes will be allowed. No substitutions can be made, so it is worth bearing in mind the injury records of the players available. If a player is not playing first-class cricket, then he is not scoring in the Fantasy First XI.

Scoring: you score according to the performance of your players. For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

In the event of a tie, the scores of the rising star will be decisive. If another tie-break is necessary, its form will be decided by *The Times* Fantasy First XI panel.

Fixtures: *The Times* Fantasy First XI season runs from April 13 until September 18 but the deadline for telephone entries is noon, April 27. Postal entries must be received by the same date. Only first-class matches, as designated by the Test and County Cricket Board, throughout the season (including those played before the closing date for entries to this competition) will count. One-day games do not count.

As last year, you can enter by phone or by post. Phone calls will be charged at 39 per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Please note that postal entries must be accompanied by a fee of £2.50, and cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

Glamorous options are not the route to certain success

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TO SIT down with pen, blank teamsheet and the 1995 fixture list is to be tempted down dangerous paths. Paradoxically, success at Fantasy First XI cricket does not necessarily involve the players of glamour and profile and simply to select the best 11 players in action this summer can be a great mistake.

I have not included any of the West Indian touring team in my selection because their energies and attentions will be channelled too much towards the Test series. Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh will not often be seen at full throttle against the counties. Brian Lara was harder to resist, but even he will need nursing through the tour.

Similarly, likely regulars in the England party can prove poor selections for the fantasy game. Michael Atherton had a prolific time in Test cricket last year but his county form was dire. Alec Stewart, too, made barely 500 runs for Surrey. The charisma of Darren Gough will turn many heads and his ability may win Test matches, but I still believe him worth overlooking, given the rules of this competition.

Chris Cairns and Wasim Akram are obvious contenders for the overseas player spot but both have suffered from recent injuries and caution could be prudent. The under-19 series against South Africa in July and August is a disincentive where several players are concerned and Marcus Trescothick, the Somerset opener, might otherwise have featured in my side.

Instead, I am happy to include his first-wicket partner, Mark Lathwell. Eyebrows will be raised because many have prematurely written off the introspective Lathwell who was chosen for England before he was temperamentally ready. The expectations were too high and the disillusionment that set in threatened to sour him completely.

All at Taunton, however, believe that a winter's rest has been beneficial and, as he possesses more natural attacking talent than almost anyone in the country, he could have a productive county season. As his partner, there can be no easier selection than Graham Gooch. His England career is over but his appetite is undimmed and 2,000 championship runs will be his aim.

Essex also provide my No 3 and overseas player. Mark Waugh will miss a couple of championship games while he completes Australia's series in the Caribbean but his enthusiasm for a return to Chelmsford was obvious and his quality is not in question. He may also be required to bowl rather more this season and England's batsmen will testify to his talents in this direction.

Taking 20 or 25 wickets, when classified as a batsman, can be a significant bonus in Fantasy First XI and another who is capable of this is Roger Twose, of Warwickshire. His future allegiance is pledged to New Zealand but he is a cricketer approaching his peak and could have even more impact on this county season than he did on the last.

My final specialist batsman is Robin Smith. Chastened by his omission from England's winter tour, he has vowed to reclaim his Test place this summer, a mission that should restore the focus that his batting had mislaid. Hampshire will benefit at first and it is easy to see Smith making an impressive case for selection against West Indies.

Fitness permitting — and the word on his back condition is encouraging — there is no reason why Graeme Hick will not start the Test series but this has never, in the past, stopped him from producing his best for Worcestershire. He is my all-rounder, partly in the hope that his county captain, Tim Curtis, will make more use of his off breaks.

Hick's county colleague, Steve Rhodes, lost his confidence in Australia and cannot be given the wicketkeeping job with any confidence. Jack Russell and Steve Marsh, who will both make upwards of 700 runs as well as taking their quota of catches, both merit consideration but the choice is Paul Nixon, who impressed on the England A tour and would win a place in the Leicestershire side on his batting alone.

This leaves the bowlers. Andrew Caddick leads my attack — like Lathwell, a forgotten man from Somerset and all the hungrier for it. Fit again, after the shin injury that discounted him from a tour, he is a high-class seam bowler in English conditions. Alongside him will be Glen Chapple, of Lancashire, an obvious candidate for international honours after an outstanding A tour.

Ian Salisbury has suffered all manner of setbacks but he remains a potential match-winner and has not yet fulfilled his potential. He can also bat, so becomes my specialist spin bowler. Finally, from the rising stars category, I include Chris Silverwood, who should have plenty of opportunities in the Yorkshire seam attack, especially in the prolonged absences of Gough.

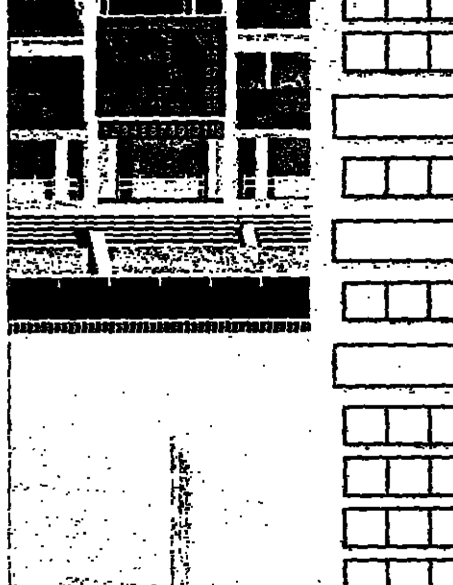
ALAN LEE'S TEAM

Batsmen
036 ....G A Gooch (Essex)
056 ....M N Lathwell (Somerset)
115 ....M E Waugh (Essex, overseas player)
099 ....R A Smith (Hampshire)
109 ....R G Twose (Warwickshire)

All-rounder
138 ....G A Hick (Worcestershire)

Wicketkeeper
177 ....P A Nixon (Leicestershire)

Bowlers
204 ....A R Caddick (Somerset)
205 ....G Chapple (Lancashire)
265 ....C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire, rising star)
263 ....I D K Salisbury (Sussex)



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All players must be selected according to the categories published below and you must enter their numbers

① In this section please enter the five batsmen you have selected from the list below. You may only pick players listed (001-123) as batsmen. You may pick any number of players from any county but remember you may only select one overseas player and one rising star in your whole team. Every run your batsmen make and every wicket they take will count towards your team's total

② Please enter your selected all-rounder, who must be drawn from numbers 124-165, in this section

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For every run each of your XI scores, you will receive one point. For each wicket they take, you will receive 20 points. For each wicketkeeping dismissal (catch or stumping) your wicketkeeper makes, you will receive 20 points. Catches taken by other fielders will not count. The object of the game is to select the team which will score the most points in the course of the season.

How to enter by phone or post

THE 24-hour telephone lines close at noon on Thursday April 27, the day the Britannic Assurance County Championship begins. Runs scored and wickets taken in the first-class games before that date *will* count in Fantasy First XI. But beware the last-minute rush.

When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You must have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 700565.**

Then follow the step-by-step instructions. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

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You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address, postcode and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time.

Calls cost 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times. Each call will last about six minutes.

Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters. If a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

Readers wishing to enter by post should complete their Fantasy First XI bat and send it (photocopies are not acceptable) with a cheque or postal order for £2.50 to *The Times* Fantasy First XI, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton, Bedfordshire LU2 0NS to arrive by April 27. Cheques should be made payable to *The Times* Fantasy First XI.

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FULL LIST OF FANTASY FIRST XI PLAYERS

Batsmen (001-123)

Pick five players from this category

001 C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 **J C Adams (West Indians)**
003 G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 **K L T Arthurton (West Indians)**
005 Asif Din (Warwickshire)
006 M A Atherton (Lancashire)
007 C W J Athey (Sussex)
008 R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
009 K J Barnett (Derbyshire)
010 M R Benson (Kent)
011 **M G Bevan (Yorkshire)**
012 D J Bicknell (Surrey)
013 T J Boon (Leicestershire)
014 P D Bowler (Somerset)
015 N E Briers (Leicestershire)
016 A D Brown (Surrey)
017 D Byas (Yorkshire)
018 **S L Campbell (West Indians)**
019 J D Carr (Middlesex)
020 **S Chanderpaul (West Indians)**
021 M Church (Worcestershire)
022 P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
023 G R Cowdrey (Kent)
024 J P Crawley (Lancashire)
025 **W J Cronje (Leicestershire)**
026 **D J Cullinan (Derbyshire)**
027 T S Curtis (Worcestershire)
028 J A Daley (Durham)
029 R I Dawson (Gloucestershire)
030 **P A de Silva (Kent)**
031 M P Dowman (Nottinghamshire)
032 N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
033 A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
034 J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
035 M W Gatting (Middlesex)
036 G A Gooch (Essex)
037 A P Grayson (Yorkshire)
038 K Greenfield (Sussex)
039 J W Hall (Sussex)
040 T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
041 R J Harden (Somerset)
042 A N Hayhurst (Somerset)
043 G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
044 D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
045 G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
046 A J Hollioake (Surrey)
047 N Hussain (Essex)
048 * S Hutton (Durham)
049 S P James (Glamorgan)
050 P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 M Keech (Hampshire)
052 S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 N V Knight (Warwickshire)
054 A J Lamb (Northamptonshire)
055 **B C Lara (West Indians)**
056 M N Lathwell (Somerset)
057 W Larkins (Durham)
058 D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
059 N J Lenham (Sussex)
060 J J B Lewis (Essex)
061 N J Llong (Kent)
062 G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
063 J I Longley (Durham)
064 M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
065 M A Lynch (Gloucestershire)
066 G I Macmillan (Oxford Univ and Leicestershire)
067 M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
068 A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
069 T C Middleton (Hampshire)
070 A J Moles (Warwickshire)
071 * R R Montgomerie (Northamptonshire)
072 **T M Moody (Worcestershire)**
073 H Morris (Glamorgan)
074 J E Morris (Durham)
075 R S M Morris (Hampshire)
076 M D Moxon (Yorkshire)
077 M C J Nicholas (Hampshire)
078 T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
079 D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
080 B Parker (Yorkshire)
081 T L Penney (Warwickshire)
082 P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
083 J C Pooley (Middlesex)
084 P J Prichard (Essex)
085 M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
086 T A Radford (Middlesex)
087 J D Ratcliffe (Surrey)
088 **R B Richardson (West Indians)**
089 D D J Robinson (Essex)
090 P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
091 R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire)
092 * A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
093 M A Roseberry (Durham)
094 * D Sales (Northamptonshire)
095 M Saxelby (Durham)
096 N Shahid (Surrey)
097 A Singh (Warwickshire)
098 B F Smith (Leicestershire)
099 R A Smith (Hampshire)
100 N J Speak (Lancashire)
101 M P Speight (Sussex)
102 A J Stewart (Surrey)
103 A Symonds (Gloucestershire)
104 N R Taylor (Kent)
105 V P Terry (Hampshire)
106 G P Thorpe (Surrey)
107 S P Titchard (Lancashire)
108 M E Trescothick (Somerset)
109 R G Twose (Warwickshire)
110 M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
111 * M J Walker (Kent)
112 D M Ward (Surrey)
113 T R Ward (Kent)
114 R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
115 **M E Waugh (Essex)**
116 A P Wells (Sussex)
117 W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
118 G W White (Hampshire)
119 J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
120 P R Whitaker (Hampshire)
121 **S C Williams (West Indians)**
122 * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
123 A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders (124-165)

Pick one player from this category

124 M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
125 I D Austin (Lancashire)
126 P Bainbridge (Durham)
127 * M A Butcher (Surrey)
128 **C L Cairns (Nottinghamshire)**
129 D G Cork (Derbyshire)
130 R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
131 K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
132 A Dale (Glamorgan)
133 P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
134 * S C Ecclestone (Somerset)
135 K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
136 M V Fleming (Kent)
137 **O D Gibson (Glamorgan)**
138 G A Hick (Worcestershire)
139 **C L Hooper (West Indians)**
140 R C Irani (Essex)
141 K D James (Hampshire)
142 S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
143 C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)
144 G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
145 **Mushtaq Ahmed (Somerset)**
146 **D J Nash (Middlesex)**
147 A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
148 **M Prabhakar (Durham)**
149 D A Reeve (Warwickshire)
150 G D Rose (Somerset)
151 A W Smith (Surrey)
152 N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
153 P A Smith (Warwickshire)
154 J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
155 **F D Stephenson (Sussex)**
156 J P Stephenson (Hampshire)
157 C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
158 S D Udal (Hampshire)
159 **Wasim Akram (Lancashire)**
160 M Watkinson (Lancashire)
161 G Welch (Warwickshire)
162 C M Wells (Derbyshire)
163 V J Wells (Leicestershire)
164 P N Weekes (Middlesex)
165 C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Pick one player from this category

166 A N Aymes (Hampshire)
167 R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
168 K R Brown (Middlesex)
169 M A Garnham (Essex)
170 W K Hegg (Lancashire)
171 G J Kersey (Surrey)
172 K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
173 S A Marsh (Kent)
174 C P Metson (Glamorgan)
175 P Moores (Sussex)
176 **J R Murray (West Indians)**
177 P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
178 W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
179 K J Piper (Warwickshire)
180 S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
181 D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
182 R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
183 N F Sargeant (Surrey)
184 C W Scott (Durham)
185 R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers (186-287)

Pick four players from this category

186 J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
187 * U Afzaal (Nottinghamshire)
188 **C E L Ambrose (West Indians)**
189 S J W Andrew (Essex)
190 M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
191 A A Barnett (Lancashire)
192 S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
193 S J Base (Derbyshire)
194 J D Batty (Somerset)
195 J E Benjamin (Surrey)
196 **K C G Benjamin (West Indians)**
197 **W K M Benjamin (West Indians)**
198 M P Bicknell (Surrey)
199 J Boiling (Durham)
200 * J N B Bovill (Hampshire)
201 J E Brinkley (Worcestershire)
202 M Broadhurst (Nottinghamshire)
203 S J E Brown (Durham)
204 A R Caddick (Somerset)
205 G Chapple (Lancashire)
206 J H Childs (Essex)
207 C A Connor (Hampshire)
208 N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
209 K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
210 * D M Cousins (Essex)
211 N G Cowans (Hampshire)
212 D M Cox (Durham)
213 R P Davis (Warwickshire)
214 M Dimond (Somerset)
215 **A A Donald (Warwickshire)**
216 M A Ealham (Kent)
217 J E Emburey (Middlesex)
218 M Feltham (Middlesex)
219 M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
220 D P J Flint (Hampshire)
221 M J Foster (Northamptonshire)
222 A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
223 E S H Giddins (Sussex)
224 D Gough (Yorkshire)
225 F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
226 P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
227 D W Headley (Kent)
228 E E Hemmings (Sussex)
229 J E Hindson (Nottinghamshire)
230 J G Hughes (Northamptonshire)
231 A P Igglesden (Kent)
232 R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
233 M C Ilott (Essex)
234 P W Jarvis (Sussex)
235 R L Johnson (Middlesex)
236 * G Keedy (Lancashire)
237 N M Kendrick (Glamorgan)
238 **A Kumble (Northamptonshire)**
239 D R Law (Sussex)
240 R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
241 * J D Lewry (Sussex)
242 S Lugsden (Durham)
243 M J McCague (Kent)
244 D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
245 N A Mallender (Northamptonshire)
246 P J Martin (Lancashire)
247 R J Maru (Hampshire)
248 D J Millns (Leicestershire)
249 A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
250 T A Munton (Warwickshire)
251 P J Newport (Worcestershire)
252 G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
253 M M Patel (Kent)
254 R M Pearson (Essex)
255 D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
256 R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
257 A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
258 A C S Pigott (Surrey)
259 V J Pike (Gloucestershire)
260 N V Radford (Worcestershire)
261 A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
262 M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
263 I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
264 K J Shine (Middlesex)
265 * C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)
266 G C Small (Warwickshire)
267 A M Smith (Gloucestershire)
268 * V Solanki (Worcestershire)
269 **J Srinath (Gloucestershire)**
270 **H H Streak (Hampshire)**
271 I G S Steer (Derbyshire)
272 R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
273 P M Such (Essex)
274 J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
275 S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
276 M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
277 H R J Trump (Somerset)
278 P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
279 A P van Troost (Somerset)
280 **C A Walsh (West Indians)**
281 A E Warner (Derbyshire)
282 S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
283 N F Williams (Essex)
284 R C Williams (Gloucestershire)
285 J Wood (Durham)
286 G Yates (Lancashire)
287 * R S Yeabsley (Oxford Univ and Middlesex)

Bold type overseas player
* rising star

PICK ONE FROM EACH CATEGORY

You must include in your team one player from each of these two categories

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
188: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
004: K L T Arthurton (batsman)
196: K C G Benjamin (bowler)
197: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
011: M G Bevan (batsman)
128: C L Cairns (all-rounder)
018: S L Campbell (batsman)
020: S Chanderpaul (batsman)
025: W J Cronje (batsman)
026: D J Cullinan (batsman)
030: P A de Silva (batsman)
215: A A Donald (bowler)
137: O D Gibson (all-rounder)
139: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
238: A Kumble (bowler)
055: B C Lara (batsman)
072: T M Moody (batsman)
176: J R Murray (wicketkeeper)
145: Mushtaq Ahmed (all-rounder)
146: D J Nash (all-rounder)
148: M Prabhakar (all-rounder)
088: R B Richardson (batsman)
269: J Srinath (bowler)
155: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
270: H H Streak (bowler)
280: C A Walsh (bowler)
159: Wasim Akram (all-rounder)
115: M E Waugh (batsman)
121: S C Williams (batsman)

Rising stars

187: U Afzaal (bowler)
200: J N B Bovill (bowler)
127: M A Butcher (all-rounder)
210: D M Cousins (bowler)
134: S Ecclestone (all-rounder)
048 S Hutton (batsman)
236: G Keedy (bowler)
241: J D Lewry (bowler)
071: R R Montgomerie (batsman)
092: A S Rollins (batsman)
094: D Sales (batsman)
265: C E W Silverwood (bowler)
268: V Solanki (bowler)
111: M J Walker (batsman)
122 M G N Windows (batsman)
287: R S Yeabsley (bowler)

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Australians angry at outburst by Campese

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THERE are times when Australians believe David Campese is the finest rugby player in the world. There are times when they wish he would just keep his mouth shut. Throughout a long, and mostly distinguished career, Campese has taken mischievous delight in winding up opponents, so it is no surprise when he does it to his own.

That his remarks over the weekend concerning the fitness or otherwise of Tim Horan to play in the World Cup next month have drawn down the wrath of both chairman of selectors and coach matter not a jot: Campese will play in the international against Argentina in Brisbane on Sunday and he will shrug his shoulders if the Ballymore faithful give him the bird for implied criticism of one of Queensland's favourite sons.

As with so many of Campese's *bon mots* there is more than a grain of truth involved, so when he says he believes it would be wrong to take Horan to the World Cup, he is only suggesting that after a year away from the game his colleague may not be ready for the most demanding tournament rugby can offer. Horan wrecked his knee last May but, after intensive physiotherapy, has now played a succession of club games and last night appeared for Queensland B against the touring Argentinians.

"Totally irresponsible," Paul McLean, chairman of the national selectors, said. "A loose wire from Campo's brain to his mouth," Bob Dwyer, the coach, sighed. "I'm thinking of getting a fire hose to dampen the controversies," Michael Lynagh, Australia's captain whose biography, published yesterday, details some of the slanging matches in which Campese has been involved, said.

It is all part of Campese's erratic genius: he offended Englishmen before the 1991 World Cup final, South Africans when that country returned to competition in 1992 and, not for the first time, angered his fellow countrymen with a speech at a lunch engagement in Melbourne. "Maybe he should choose his words a little more carefully," Dwyer said but if he did, he would not be David Campese.

Australia's first international side of the year includes Troy Coker, late of Harlequins, at flanker but finds no place for one of the most durable props in the game, Tony Daly, who scored the only try of the 1991 World Cup final. Coker plays ahead of Willie Ofahengaue and Dan Crowley, the Brisbane policeman, is preferred to Daly, who has appeared in 39 internationals and is part of the most celebrated front-row unit in the game's history along with Phil Kearns and Ewen McKenzie.

Australia's World Cup party is due to be named next Monday and there will be a further international with Argentina — in Sydney on May 6 — before departure for the defence of the World Cup. Whether Australia's management choose to discipline Campese or not, he will be on the flight.

AUSTRALIA (v Argentina): M Pini; D Smith, D Herbert, J Little, D Campese; M Lynagh (captain), G Gregan; D Crowley, P Kearns, E McKenzie, T Coker, R McCall, J Eales, D Wilson, T Gavin.

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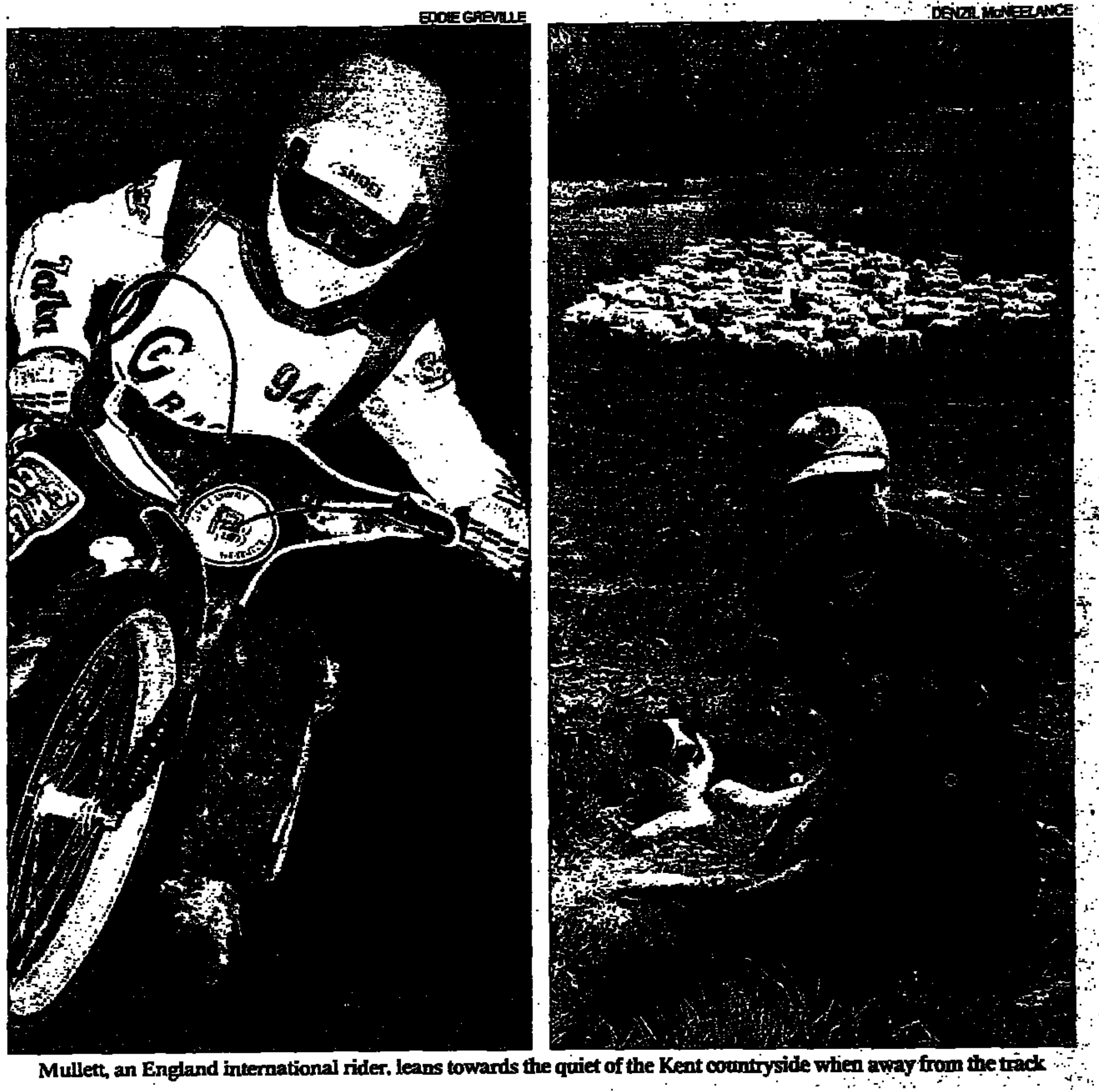
Green revolution sets Mullett's mind racing

Andrew Longmore on a shepherd seeking pastures new at world speedway's summit



EDDIE GREVILLE

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Mullett, an England international rider, leans towards the quiet of the Kent countryside when away from the track

Picture two scenes. The first pastoral, peaceful and unhurried; the second urban, deafening, fast and dangerous. Different ages, different gods, the two halves of the unique double life of Dave Mullett.

During the summer, Mullett is a speedway rider, a former captain of Reading and an England international; in winter, he is a shepherd, tending two flocks — his own and a neighbour's — deep in the heart of the Kent countryside. In springtime, he commutes between extremes, taking his lambs to market at dawn, careering round dirt-tracks by the Reading refuse tip at sundown. Only in the fading letters of a name on a rusty fuel can, which Mullett uses every morning on the farm, does the uncomfortable reality of his sport intrude. The can belonged to Per Jonsson, world champion five years ago, a team-mate and a good friend of Mullett's, who is now permanently paralysed, unable to push his own wheelchair after a crash at a meeting in Poland last season.

Mullett visited Jonsson back in his home country during the winter and was shocked by the Swede's condition. "He was just lying there, unable to do anything. And the fact it was Per made it so much stranger. He was such a brilliant rider, he never fell. Maybe once or twice in four years." Mullett has thought of giving up many times since: mentally his team did give up, dropping from the top three to the bottom two in the months after their leader's accident. "It knocked the stuffing out of us all." A season to forget.

Yet a winter in the fields to reflect, a changing season, 150 lambs to deliver and four months off the bike has renewed Mullett's enthusiasm and, with the formation of a 21-team Premier League — from the old first and second divisions — and a new television deal, there are at least some outward signs that speedway is searching for a revival as well. Mullett believes the changes will mean less competitive racing in the short term, which is fine by him, but considerably more miles on the clock for himself, Sean, his faithful mechanic, and Fred, his driver. Less time for his sheep, too.

"During the season my racing comes first," he said. "It's my living because I don't take a wage from the farm. When I'm riding I forget all about my sheep, but if I have a bad meeting, I can come down here, walk through the fields, smell the flowers and everything's all right with the world again." Flowers, fields, nature? Terribly unmanly things for a leather-and-oil merchant. On rough nights in King's Lynn or Coventry, Mullett's shepherding becomes easy prey for the loudmouths. "I get terrible abuse sometimes. Unnecessary really, but I suppose I have to put up with it."

His team-mates are more tolerant, but come no closer to understanding why one of their best riders should want to tend sheep and live in Kent, of all places. He has given up trying to explain. "How could I leave this?" he asked, sweeping his hand over 30 acres of green. "I wouldn't give this up for anything." Anything? "Well, a world title, maybe."

His chance of that ultimate glory has probably gone now, though he is only 29 and on Sunday competes in the British finals, the first step on the long road to the world individual title. Shepherding has been a distraction, he admitted, stopping him from developing the single-mindedness required of a champion. Last winter he had an offer to race in South Africa for six weeks, but turned it down because of his commitments on the farm. Besides, Mullett, for all his thickset frame and square-jawed competence, seems too gentle for such a push-and-shove sport. The appearance is deceptive.

Mullett began riding bikes at the age of eight, becoming national grass-track champion before taking up speedway with his local club, Canterbury. When they folded, he was transferred to Reading for £8,700, roughly the price of 60 good ewes in today's market. In his spare time, he worked on a pig farm but, though he loved animals in general, he hated pigs. So, in partnership with his brother-in-law, also a shepherd, he started his own flock. From 20, the flock has grown to more than 100 and Mullett has grown with them, talking as knowledgeably now about the breeding habits of Pole Dorsets as carburettors and tyres. When he retires from riding, he has something to go back to.

Indeed, ask him about his greatest triumph in life and he will tell you about the second prize he won with one of his Pole Dorsets at the local Canterbury show last year. "Five pounds we got, about enough for a pint or two. But, you know, that gave me as much pleasure as winning any race." Except perhaps that world title.

> 'If I have a bad time I can walk in the fields and all is right with the world'

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: London Monarchs 10 Amsterdam Admirals 17.

ATHLETICS

ROTTERDAM MARATHON: Men: 1, M Fiz (Sp) 2hr 8min 56sec; 2, B van Vlaanderen (Holl) 2:10:34; 3, I Garcia (Mex) 2:10.53. Women: 1, M Pont (Sp) 2:30:34; 2, C de Fuentes (Sp) 2:10:34; 3, C Beurskens (Holl) 2:32:40.

VIENNA MARATHON: Men: 1, P Prusik 2:15.23 (Pol); 2, H Crisotomo (Por) in 2:15.38; 3, S Romantushuk (Ukr) in 2:15.50. Women: 1, H Javornik (Slovenia) 2:36 30; 2, A Buia (Rom) 2:37.58; 3, M Halbik (Pol) 2:38 19.

BATTERSEA PARK: Reebok Centenary Festival of Running: Men's Elite 5km: 1, A Sambu (Tan) 13min 36sec; 2, P Mosima (Ken) 13.37; 3, O Wilson (Ken) 13.41; 4, J Mayock (Cannock and Stafford) 13.43; 5, R Nerurkar (Bingley) 13 44; 6, W Kiptum (Ken) 13:46. Veterans: 1, N Gates (Brighton and Hove) 15:02; 2, K Brackstone (Bristol) 15:16; 3, B Attwell (South London Harriers) 15.25. Over-50: J Treadwell (Veterans AC) 16 43. Women 5km: 1, S Barsosio (Ken) 15:29; 2, B Harrigan (Birchfield) 15:49; 3, N Lynch (Oxford University) 15:53; 4, L Elliott (Shaftesbury Barnet) 15:54; 5, J Kattany (Kenya) 16:00; 6, L Morton (Westbury) 16:05.

OSWESTRY: British Veterans road running championships (10 miles): 1, M Hager (Tipton) 51 43; 2, T Osborne (Verlea) 51:51; 3, J Parker (Tipton) 52 13. Teams: 1, Tipton 32pts; 2, Wirral 56; 3, Altrincham 88. Over-50: G Wootton (Thurrock) 54 00. Team: Cardiff 21. Over-55: A Garrett (Cardiff) 57 46. Over-60: N Ward (Oswestry) 1·01 28. Team: Barnet 23. Women: 1, V Parry (Stockport) 1 02:38; 2, E Clarke (Les Croupiers) 1 04.13; 3, D Payton (Tipton) 1 04.22. Team: Stonemasters Marathoners.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Saturday: Chicago 116 Charlotte 100; Denver 130 Golden State 129 (OT); Portland 109 LA Lakers 104. Sunday: Washington 106 Philadelphia 90; New York 113 Orlando 99; Milwaukee 104 Chicago 100; Charlotte 97 Cleveland 72; Indiana 103 Atlanta 87; San Antonio 97 Minnesota 91; Phoenix 105 Seattle 100; New Jersey 102 Boston 99; Miami 129 Detroit 105; LA Clippers 124 Dallas 102; Utah 103 Houston 97; Denver 102 Sacramento 83; Portland 116 Golden State 83.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	57	25	695	—
* New York	55	27	671	2
* Boston	35	47	427	22
Miami	32	50	.390	25
New Jersey	30	52	366	27
Philadelphia	24	58	.293	33
Washington	21	61	.256	36

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
† Indiana	52	30	634	—
* Charlotte	50	32	.610	2
* Chicago	47	35	573	5
* Cleveland	43	39	524	9
* Atlanta	42	40	512	10
Milwaukee	34	48	415	18
Detroit	28	54	341	24

Western Conference

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	62	20	756	—
* Utah	60	22	732	2
* Houston	47	35	573	15
* Denver	41	41	500	21
Dallas	36	46	439	26
Minnesota	21	61	256	41

Pacific division

	W	L	Pct	GB
† Phoenix	59	23	.720	—
* Seattle	57	25	695	2
* LA Lakers	48	34	585	11
* Portland	44	38	537	15
Sacramento	39	43	476	20
Golden State	26	56	.317	33
LA Clippers	17	65	.207	42

* Play-off place
† Division title

☐ Orlando and San Antonio won the conference titles

BOWLS

DURBAN: Perm Atlantic Rim women's outdoor championships: Pairs: Eleventh round: Namibia bt United States 19-15; Argentina bt Spain 26-14; England bt Scotland 23-16; Wales bt Guernsey 40-11; Ireland bt Israel 30-15; South Africa bt Jersey 32-8. Final positions: 1, South Africa 21pts; 2, England 16; 3, Ireland 14 (plus 60 shots); 4, United States 14 (-2); 5, Namibia 13; 6, Wales 11 (plus 34); 7, Israel 11 (-2); 8, Argentina 11 (-17); 9, Scotland 6 (-8); 10, Jersey 6 (-48); 11, Guernsey 6 (-91); 12, Spain 3.

Triples: Eleventh round: Namibia bt United States 15-13; Spain bt Argentina 30-10; Scotland bt England 20-14; Wales bt Guernsey 17-12; Ireland bt Israel 16-11; Jersey bt South Africa 19-14. Final positions: 1, South Africa 16 (plus 125); 2, Wales 16 (plus 52); 3, Jersey 14; 4, Israel 13; 5, Namibia 12 (plus 5); 6, England 12 (plus 3).

7, Spain 12 (-29); 8, Ireland 11; 9, Scotland 9; 10, Argentina 8; 11, Guernsey 7; 12, United States 2.

CRICKET

CLUB MATCHES: Vaux Ribblesdale League: Clitheroe 14-0, Great Harwood 134 match abandoned; Salesbury 8-0, v Cherry Tree match abandoned. All other matches abandoned. Windsor Life Cheshire County League: Alsager 120-5, Cheadle Hulme 66-8 dec, Bowdon 83, Timperley 84-4; Heaton Mersey 145-6, 189-4 dec; Poynton 145-2, Macclesfield 141-8 dec. Lees Brewery Lancashire County League: Denton St Lawrence 101-8, Glossop 100-7; Denton West 168-6, Roe Green 129-5; Dukinfield 110-2, Prestwich 84-3; Sale Moor 134-8, Denton 135-2; Woodbank 167-4, Irlam 124-6. William Younger North Lancashire League: Askam 27-0, Penrith 154-6; Carlisle v Vickerstown 146-6; Cleator v Barrow 193-5 dec, Haverigg 37-0; Carnforth 147-1, Lindal 149-9; Millom 56-1; Ulverston 113-7; Workington 174, Vickers Sports 287-8; Dalton 151-3, Whitehaven 136-7, v Furness. All matches drawn due to rain, 2 points each. Vaux Northern League: Fleetwood 113-6, Netherfield 135-8; Kendal 80-3, Leyland 79-8; Lancaster 131-7, Blackpool 191-8; Leyland Daf 101, Chorley 103-0; Preston 135-7, Morecambe 180-9 dec; St Annes 118-7, Darwen 123-4. Yorkshire League: All matches abandoned. Bass North Wales League: All matches abandoned.

SCHOOLS MATCH: * Charterhouse 157-7, Cranleigh 45-9 (B Warburton 5-13).

* denotes home team

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Benson and Hedges Cup: Worcestershire v Scotland. Scotland K Thompson 5-0-32-0; J G Williamson 2-0-14-0.

FENCING

IPSWICH: Women's World Epée Cup: 1, C Bokel (Ger); 2, A Hornay (Hun); equal 3, G Szalay (Hun), equal 3, H Kiraly (Hun). Best Briton: V Cramb (64th).

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CUP: Final: Wimbledon 2 Villa Aztecs 0 (at Rugby).

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National League: Red Star Southampton 2 Doncaster Belles 1; Arsenal 4 Ilkeston Town Rangers 0. Southern division: Horsham 0 Berkhamstead and Hemel 1; Maidstone Tigresses 4 Brentford 1. Northern division: Nottingham Argyle 1 Ipswich Town 4.

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Huracan 2 Rosario Central 5; Newell's Old Boys 0 Independiente 0; Racing 1 River 3; Banfield 0 San Lorenzo 3; Mandiyu 0 Ferro 0; Platense 0, Gimnasia La Plata 1; Talleres 3 Lanus 1; Gimnasia Jujuy 1 Belgrano 0; Boca 1 Velez 0.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro championship: Fluminense 3 Volta Redonda 0; Vasco 0 America 0; Bangu 1 America 0; Fluminense 4 Entremense 1; Vasco 1 Botafogo 0.

JOHANNESBURG: African Nations' Cup qualifying competition: Group one: Zimbabwe 1 Malawi 1; Zaire 2 Cameroon 1. Group two: Senegal 5 Togo 1; Liberia 1 Tunisia 0. Group three: Ghana 1 Niger 0. Congo 0 Sierra Leone 2. Group four: Tanzania 1 Egypt 2; Ethiopia 0 Uganda 0. Group six: Botswana 0 Mozambique 3; Mali 2 Namibia 0; Angola 3 Guinea 0.

DOHA, Qatar: World youth championship: Quarter-finals: Spain 4 Russia 1; Portugal 2 Australia 1; Brazil 2 Japan 1; Argentina 2 Cameroon 0.

GOLF

GREENSBORO, North Carolina: Kmart Greater Greensboro Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 274: J Gallagher 69, 70, 69, 66. 275: J Sluman 70, 65, 66, 74. P Jacobsen 69, 65, 69, 72. 276: J Adams 70, 66, 70, 70. 277: M Calcavecchia 68, 73, 67, 69; J Parnevik (Swe) 70, 68, 68, 72. 279: G Boros 73, 67, 70, 69; T Tryba 69, 70, 69, 71; S Stricker 68, 73, 66, 72; B Faxon 66, 71, 71, 72; V Singh (Fiji) 65, 72, 69, 73. 280: F Zoeller 70, 71, 70, 69; H Sutton 67, 68, 74, 71. 281: J Leonard 70, 71, 72, 68; L Roberts 71, 70, 71, 69; D Duval 72, 68, 70, 71; G Hallberg 69, 71, 69, 72; K Triplett 68, 65, 71, 77. Other score: 295: D Feherty (GB) 69, 73, 76, 77.

STOCKBRIDGE, Georgia: LPGA Chick-fil-A championship (US unless noted): 201: L Davies (GB) 67, 67, 67. 205: K Robbins 67, 72, 66. 206: K Albers 67, 69, 70. 207: S Turner 73, 71, 63; D Mochrie 69, 66, 72; J Fergen 69, 69, 69. 209: L Neumann (Swe) 72, 70, 67; M McGann 70, 72, 67; B Burton 72, 69, 68; K Webb 63, 72, 65. 210: B Mucha 70, 73, 67. 211: K Tschetter 68, 74, 69; S Redman 71, 68, 72. 212: C Richard 75, 68, 69; L Kiggens 73, 69, 70; N Ramsbottom 73, 68, 71. Other scores: 213: T Johnson (GB) 74, 68, 71; K Marshall (GB) 71, 66, 76. 214: G Graham (Can) 72, 72, 70; L Walters (Can) 73, 70, 71; H Alfredsson (Swe) 71, 72, 71. 215: M Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 73, 73, 69. 218: C Pierce (GB) 72, 73, 71. 220: S Croce (It) 73, 73, 74; F Descampe (Bel) 71, 73, 76; N Harvey (Can) 75, 68, 77.

ICE HOCKEY

STOCKHOLM: World championships: Sweden 5 Norway 0; Russia 4 Italy 2; Czech Republic 3 Finland 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 5 NY Rangers 4; Buffalo 4 Philadelphia 2; Detroit 5 San Jose 1; St Louis 2 Chicago 2 (OT); Los Angeles 2 Anaheim 2 (OT), Pittsburgh 4 Hartford 2; Dallas 5 Winnipeg 2.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
† Philadelphia	26	14	4	142	122	56
* New Jersey	20	17	7	122	110	47
Washington	19	17	7	112	105	45
NY Rangers	19	21	3	121	118	41
Florida	17	20	5	99	110	39
Tampa Bay	17	23	3	110	121	37
NY Islanders	13	25	5	109	141	31

Northeast division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
* Quebec	28	12	4	174	127	60
* Pittsburgh	28	13	2	167	138	58
Boston	23	16	3	131	110	49
Buffalo	18	18	6	111	106	42
Montreal	18	20	5	116	134	41
Hartford	18	21	5	119	129	41
Ottawa	5	32	5	93	155	15

Western Conference

Central division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
* Detroit	31	8	4	169	100	66
* St Louis	25	12	5	156	116	55
Toronto	19	18	7	121	131	45
Chicago	19	19	5	135	108	43
Dallas	17	19	8	128	115	42
Winnipeg	14	22	7	142	163	35

Pacific division

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
* Calgary	22	15	6	148	120	50
Vancouver	16	16	11	136	131	43
San Jose	16	23	3	109	148	35
Los Angeles	13	21	9	132	162	35
Edmonton	15	24	4	119	162	34
Anaheim	14	24	5	111	150	33

* Play-off place

† Division title

MOTOR RACING

DONINGTON PARK: British Formula 3 Championship: Fifth round: (25 laps, 48.93miles): 1, H Castro Neves (Br, Dallara Mugen Honda) 28min 8.53sec (104.32mph); 2, W Hughes (GB, Dallara Mitsubishi) at 3.24sec; 3, G Rodriguez (Uru, Dallara Mitsubishi) at 11.28. Fastest lap: O Gavin (GB, Dallara Vauxhall) 1:06.74 (105.57mph). Championship standings: 1, Gavin 57pts; 2, Firman 55; 3, Hughes 45.

MOTOR RALLYING

LONDON-MEXICO RALLY: Standings after second day: 1, R Dunkerton and H Mansson (Datsun 240Z) 9min 59sec; 2, H Mikkola and G Palm (Ford Escort) 9:59; 3, S Dalgarno and S Taylor (Ford Escort) 10:25; 4, G Lorimer and J Brittan (Ford Escort) 10:28; 5, R Clark and T Moy (Ford Escort) 10:28.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Old Etonian weekend championship: Semi-finals: Lord Hothfield bt P Nix 7-2; H Eddis bt A Beeson 4-3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Falconer Trophy (The Purples Match): Teams of 8 (300, 500 and 600yd): 1, British Universities B 1,175.141pts; 2, Ogre RC 1,162.140; 3 Surrey B 1,154.137. Top individual: G Barnett (London Univ) 150.24.

SPEEDWAY

STAR KNOCK OUT CUP: First round, first leg: Glasgow 53 Middlesbrough 43. PREMIER LEAGUE: Postponed: Reading v Bradford; Exeter v Arena Essex.

TENNIS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, A Agassi (US) 4,603pts; 2, P Sampras (US) 4,216; 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,274; 4, M Chang (US) 2,607; 5, Y Kafelnikov (Rus) 2,521; 6, M Stich (Ger) 2,467; 7, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,446; 8, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,281; 9, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,211; 10, M Larsson (Swe) 2,128.

YACHTING

AMERICA'S CUP: Citizen Cup defence finals: Mighty Mary (L Egnot) bt Young America (K Mahaney) 1min 8sec. Overall standings: 1, Young America 4:5, 6pts (includes 2 bonus points for finishing first in semi-finals); equal 2, Stars & Stripes (D Conner) 5 wins 1 loss, 5pts; Mighty Mary 4:4, 5pts (includes 1 bonus point for finishing second in semi-finals).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Dealer West **Love all.** **Rubber bridge**

W		E
♠ A Q 8 7		♠ J 9 3
♥ K Q J 3 2	N W E S	♥ A 8 4
♦ Q 9		♦ K 10 6 5 3
♣ A 4		♣ 8 5

My partner and I bid this hand as follows:

W	E
1♥	1 NT
3 NT	Pass

3 NT went off on a club lead. As you can see, Four Hearts is a good contract and would have made as the cards lay. What was wrong with the auction?

The worst bid was my response of 1 NT. While it is permissible to respond 1 NT with a small doubleton, nevertheless when you have a maximum with support for the major, it is wrong. You may well say, well what if partner only has four hearts? The answer is that good players avoid opening poor four card majors.

About the only time West will have four hearts is when he has a balanced hand of 15 points or more. Admittedly, when he has 15 or 16 you are likely to languish in Two Hearts, but that probably won't be much worse that 1 NT. The real gain in raising is when your partner has a straggly major suit. When the suit is raised it considerably improves the opener's hand, when 1 NT may discourage him from bidding on.

This idea is formalised in American five card major systems, in which the sequence —

1♥	1 NT
2♣	2♥

— shows either a doubleton heart or, if it contains three hearts, a really bad hand. The other indifferent bid in our auction was West's 3 NT. He might just have raised to 2 NT, in which case I could have bid Three Hearts and we would have arrived at the correct spot. I think it would be wrong for West to bid Two Spades — this shows a more unbalanced type of hand.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov wins

Garry Kasparov won first prize in the Mikhail Tal Memorial tournament in Riga, half a point ahead of the Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand. Kasparov owed his victory largely to his ability to score wins with Black, as in the following game where he traps Yusupov's queen.

White: Artur Yusupov

Black: Garry Kasparov

Tal Memorial Riga, April 1995

Torre Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Nf3	g6
3	Bg5	Bg7
4	c3	0-0
5	Nbd2	d6
6	e4	c5
7	dxc5	dxc5
8	Be2	Nc6
9	0-0	Qc7
10	Qc2	Rd8
11	Rfe1	h6
12	Bh4	Nh5
13	Nc4	Be6
14	Ne3	Nf4
15	Bf1	Ne5
16	Nxe5	Bxe5
17	Nc4	Bxc4
18	Bxc4	b5
19	Bf1	c4
20	Red1	Nh5
21	Bg3	Nxg3
22	hxg3	Qb6
23	a4	a6
24	axb5	axb5
25	Rxa8	Rxa8
26	g4	e6
27	Be2	Ra2
28	Kf1	Bb8
29	Qd2	Kg7
30	g5	h5
31	g3	Be5
32	Qd7	Ra8
33	Qe7	Ra7
34	Qe8	Bd6
35	Kg2	Be7
36	Rh1	Qb7
37	Bf3	Ra8

White resigns

Short returns to form

As can be seen from the complete crosstable of results below, Nigel Short of Britain returned to form with his best tournament result for many years, losing just one game but winning three in exalted company in Riga.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess every day in the sports pages of *The Times*.

Tal Memorial, Riga 1995

Kasparov	—	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	7½
Anand	0	—	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	7
Ivanchuk	½	½	—	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	6½
Short	½	½	0	—	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	6
Kramnik	½	½	½	½	—	½	½	1	1	½	½	6
Gulko	½	0	½	½	½	—	½	½	½	½	1	5
Yusupov	0	½	½	½	½	½	—	½	½	½	½	4½
Ehlvest	½	0	0	0	0	½	½	—	½	1	½	3½
Kengis	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	—	½	½	3
Timman	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	—	½	3
Vaganian	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	—	3

1 = a win, ½ = a draw, 0 = a loss

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SKYPHOS
a. A space satellite
b. A rowing-boat
c. A drinking-cup

THOLOID
a. A lava dome
b. A lisped consonant
c. Like a giant panda

TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE
a. Bavarian carnival
b. Sweet wine
c. A tavern for beer

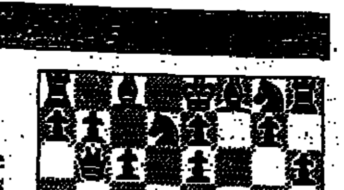
VERNIS-MARTIN
a. Varnish
b. A throw at wrestling
c. Persian transliteration

Answers: page 46

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nunn - Georgiev, Linares 1988. Black has just captured a piece but by doing so has fallen into his opponent's trap. How did White now make a decisive material gain?

Solution: page 46



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Celtic Swing faces stern test from Fabre duo

By Julian Muscat

SHEIKH Mohammed threw down the gauntlet to Celtic Swing's connections yesterday when he confirmed that Pennekamp and Diffident would oppose Peter Savill's colt in the 2,000 Guineas on May 6.

After Celtic Swing's victorious comeback at Newbury on Saturday, the sheikh responded quickly by committing both colts to the Newmarket race. His attacking policy makes the classic among the most competitive on record, rivalling El Gran Senor's defeat of Chief Singer, Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest 11 years ago.

Indeed, so keen is the sheikh to cross swords with the champion juvenile that a proviso governing the appearance of his two representatives at Newmarket centres exclusively on Celtic Swing's participation in the race. Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, said yesterday: "If, for some unforseen circumstance, Celtic Swing does not run, then one of our colts could be re-routed to France. Otherwise they will both be there."

The news will be greeted stoically at Lady Herries' Angmering Park stables. Both Savill and Lady Herries, who trains Celtic Swing, identified Diffident as the biggest threat to their colt carrying off the 2,000 Guineas. The son of Danzig showed brilliant speed to deny the 1,000 Guineas favourite, Harayir, in the European Free Handicap at Newmarket last week.

Interestingly, Harayir attracted support with Corals yesterday, hardening to 4-1 favourite from a point longer. But the same firm, although fielding against Diffident as an 8-1 shot in their book, reported little interest. Meanwhile, with Ladbrokes, Celtic Swing is 5-4 on from evens.

Michael Kinane, who rode Diffident, is expected to be reunited with the unbeaten colt, although the arrangement has yet to be confirmed. André Fabre, who trains Diffident, said of Kinane: "I thought he did a good job at Newmarket." Thierry Jarnet will ride Pennekamp. The combination is unbeaten in five starts.

The sheikh's two-pronged attack on the 2,000 Guineas has been made possible, in part, by Goldmark's recovery from injury. Generally perceived as his owner's third string, Goldmark suffered from an abscess in his hoof earlier in the year.

That setback forced him out of the classic trials, but he is now pleasing Fabre. "Goldmark looks likely to be ready in time for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains [French 2,000 Guineas] a week after Newmarket," Stroud said. Of the 15 principal classics in Europe, the 2,000 Guineas is one of only three to have eluded Sheikh Mohammed.

The Dubai potentate came closest in 1985, when Bairn succumbed to Shadeed in a photo-finish. Others to occupy the runner-up berth have been Lycius and Barathea, although Moonax, last year's St Leger winner, remains Sheikh Mohammed's sole classic-winning colt on these shores.

Pennekamp's 1½-length victory on his seasonal reappearance at Evry earlier this month did not please all the critics, but Fabre was quick to defend the son of Bering. "I don't know what they were expecting," he said. "The trip was too short for him, and both the second and third are lightly-raced and well bred. Who can say they are not good horses? The race has done Pennekamp good; he has come on for it. Don't forget that Zafonic and Lycius left their prep races behind when they ran at Newmarket."

One horse out of 2,000 Guineas contention is Khaled Abdulla's Peace Envoy, fourth behind Celtic Swing on Saturday. Abdulla's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, also declared Eltish on target for the Kentucky Derby on May 6. "No firm decision has been made but we are proceeding as though a trip to Kentucky is to take place," he said.

The racing career of Abdulla's Distant View, who led home the stands' side group in the 2,000 Guineas last year, is in the balance. Connections are to consult veterinarians before announcing future plans.

[illegible]

Year	Colt	SP	Pos
1985	Bairn	13-2	2nd
	Royal Harmony	100-1	4th
1986	Sharrood	14-1	4th
	Sure Blade	13-2	5th
1987	Ajdal	6-5f	4th
1988	Intimidate	16-1	8th
1989	Mensagem	20-1	5th
	Shaadi	5-1	11th
1990	Anshan	6-1	3rd
	Sure Sharp	9-1	8th
	Swordsmith	250-1	14th
1991	Lycius	16-1	2nd
1992	Steinbeck	16-1	11th
1993	Barathea	10-1	2nd
	Emperor Jones	20-1	8th
	Pembroke	20-1	14th
1994	King's Theatre	9-2f	13th

Pitman plots treble for long-distance runners

By Our Racing Staff

JENNY PITMAN, fresh from successes in the Grand National and its Scottish equivalent with Royal Athlete and Willsford respectively, has a third long-distance prize in her sights.

Superior Finish, who unseated Peter Niven at Aintree, is among 19 five-day acceptors for the National Hunt season's last big sponsored chase, the £100,000 Whitbread Gold Cup, over three miles and five furlongs at Sandown on Saturday.

The acceptors are headed by Cogent and Deep Bramble, originally handicapped at 10st 11lb but now set to carry 11st 7lb. Mark Pitman, assistant to his mother, said yesterday: "The rise in the weights has worked in our favour with Superior Finish now only 3lb out of the handicap. The horse is in good form and seems none the worse for Aintree. It is unfortunate that Peter was unseated that day as I think Superior Finish would have run a big race."

Warren Marston, the stable jockey, takes over on Saturday after missing out at both Aintree, where Royal Athlete won for Jason Titley, and then at Ayr last Saturday, when Rodney Farrant partnered Willsford. "It would be very nice if Warren could ride the winner here after missing out twice," Pitman added.

Superior Finish was 10lb out of the handicap proper last year when pulled up in the race won by Ushers Island from Antonin. Both first and second are set to renew rivalry on Saturday.

Country Member, successful over the course last month in the Horse and Hound Grand Military Gold Cup Chase, returns with a point to prove after his mishap in the Grand National. Well backed in the week before the race as the ground dried, he set off disputing 11-1 joint fourth favouritism but fell at the first. Given similar conditions on Saturday, he will have plenty of supporters on his recovery mission.

Mr Boston is another who suffered an unhappy experience on his latest start. Mary Reveley's ten-year-old was installed an 11-2 favourite for the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse on Easter Monday but was hampered and unseated Peter Niven at the fourth-last fence when still very much in contention.

☐ There are 12 five-day acceptors for the group three Thresher Classic Trial on the same programme, including the André Fabre-trained Tremplin.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ALLYANA
(5.45 Pontefract)
Next best: Kadiri
(5.15 Pontefract)

ED BYRNE

Country Member pursues Rushing Wild over the same Sandown fences he will tackle in the Whitbread Gold Cup on Saturday

SANDOWN PARK ACCEPTORS

3.25 39th WHITBREAD GOLD CUP (Handicap chase: grade III: £57,400: 3m 5f 110yd) (19 acceptors)

Cogent 11yrs, 11st 7lb (trained by J Glover), Deep Bramble 8-11-7 (P Nicholls), Antonin 7-10-13 (Mrs S Bramall), Zeta's Lad 12-10-12 (C Brooks), Belvederian 8-10-6 (M Morris, Ire), General Pershing 9-10-5 (G Richards), Gaelstrom 9-10-5 (N Twiston-Davies), Country Member 10-10-4 (A Turnell), Ushers Island 9-10-3 (H Johnson), Mr Boston 10-10-1 (Mrs M Reveley), Grange Brake 9-10-0 (N Twiston-Davies), Blazing Walker 11-9-13 (P Cheesbrough), Superior Finish 9-9-11 (Mrs J Pitman), Cache Fleur 9-9-10 (M Pipe), Fighting Words 9-9-10 (J Gifford), Tinryland 11-9-7 (N Henderson), Feathered Gale 8-9-1 (A Moore, Ire), Cythere 11-8-6 (J Gifford), Abbotsham 10-6-10 (O Carter). Minimum weight ten stone

4.00 THRESHER CLASSIC TRIAL (Group III: 3-Y-O: £38,612: 1m 2f 7yd) (12 acceptors)

Balliol Boy (H Cecil), Flemensfirth (J Gosden), Indian Light (J Dunlop), Korambi (C Brittain), Luso (C Brittain), Pentire (G Wragg), Presenting (J Gosden), Prince Of India (Lord Huntingdon), Singspiel (M Stoute), Torrential (J Gosden), Tremplin (A Fabre, Fr), Two O'Clock Jump (R Hannon).

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

WHITBREAD GOLD CUP

Sandown, April 29

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Cogent	6-1	7-1	5-1	5-1
Country Member	6-1	11-2	6-1	5-1
Gaelstrom	7-1	5-1	7-1	5-1
Mr Boston	7-1	7-1	7-1	10-1
Belvederian	8-1	10-1	8-1	11-1
Antonin	8-1	10-1	10-1	11-1
Cache Fleur	10-1	12-1	10-1	11-1
Deep Bramble	14-1	10-1	11-1	14-1
Ushers Island	14-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Superior Finish	12-1	12-1	14-1	11-1
General Pershing	12-1	14-1	16-1	14-1
Grange Brake	20-1	14-1	16-1	16-1

While the headlines are being filled by the classic generation at the moment, it will be refreshing for the jumping stalwarts to see some old faithfuls back at Sandown Park on Saturday to contest the Whitbread Gold Cup.

The final major chase of the National Hunt season, which shares the card with some high-class Flat racing, has turned into a fine betting contest with the bookmakers going 5-1 the field.

Cogent has been laid out for this race by Jeremy Glover and deservedly heads the weights. An accurate jumper with a touch of class, he is sure to attract money at the Tote's 8-1 but is only a pound lower in the handicap than when 11 lengths fourth in the Hennessy and has yet to race over the Whitbread trip of three miles, 5½ furlongs.

Mr Boston has shown his best form at Esher this season and holds solid claims if none the worse for his exertions last Monday, when unseating his rider four out in the Irish Grand National.

Another to disappoint in Ireland was the Sue Bramall-trained Antonin, who finished a never-nearer seventh. He had appeared to be returning to his best when second in the Ritz Club at the Cheltenham Festival, and is undoubtedly well handicapped, running off a mark 9lb lower than when runner-up on good ground in last seasons Whitbread. His trainer yesterday reported him to be in fine shape and a definite runner on Saturday.

The stiff uphill finish at Sandown is tailor-made for **ANTONIN**, and, at a best-priced 11-1 with the Tote, he can gain a belated first victory of the season.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

2.30 Rasmi. 3.00 Sakti. 3.30 Seize The Day. 4.00 Prolific Lady. 4.30 Coffee 'N Cream. 5.00 Bookcase. 5.30 Jackatack.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 COFFEE 'N CREAM.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.30 Acquittal.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.30 WALMER APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES
(£2,365: 6f 189yd) (14 runners)

1 (10) 0506 BOLD CYRANO 24 B Palling 4-9-10 D O'Neill –
2 (14) 2-5 RASMI 8 A Stewart 4-9-10 Jo Hanson (5) 85
3 (6) 20-0 STARSPORT 19 (V) D ffrench Davis 4-9-10 R Waterfield (3) 67
4 (8) 00- COLT D'OR 222 J White 3-8-10 S Lanigan 68
5 (12) 0-0 DISSENTOR 19 L Cumani 3-8-10 G Mitchell (3) –
6 (2) 320- EMPHATIC CANDIDATE 171 R Akehurst 3-8-10 R Moogan (8) [illegible]
7 (13) 50- I'M OUTA HERE 186 R Hannon 3-8-10 E Greehy (10) 87
8 (4) 2-22 SHARP 'N SMART 21 B Smart 3-8-10 Martin Dwyer 86
9 (1) GLORIOUS BID M Meade 3-8-5 C Tinel (8) –
10 (7) 2 LITTLE WILMA 10 A Jarvis 3-8-5 B Hunter (8) 77
11 (3) 0-5 LORELEI LEE 24 John Berry 3-8-5 G Faulkner (5) 85
12 (9) 433- MA PETITE ANGLAISE 227 W Jarvis 3-8-5 M Henry 94
13 (5) 400- MO'S STAR 204 S Dow 3-8-5 A Daly (8) 89
14 (11) 3506 SANDRA DEE 40 B Pearce 3-8-5 T Field (7) 88

7-2 Rasmi, 9-2 Dissentor, 5-1 Ma Petite Anglaise, Sharp 'N Smart, 8-1 I'm Outa Here, Emphatic Candidate, 12-1 Little Wilma, 14-1 others.

3.00 SANDLING SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,489: 5f) (6)

1 (6) 3232 ARVZEES 8 M Channon 8-11 R Hughes –
2 (2) 0 BABYLON BLUES 10 R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery –
3 (1) 4 MUSTAFFA 12 M Channon 8-11 P P Murphy (5) –
4 (3) SAKTI W Jarvis 8-6 J Reid –
5 (5) 6 SOLVA MIST 18 L Holt 8-6 A Scoble –
6 (4) TOUCH OF FANTASY John Berry 8-6 C Dwyer –

7-4 Arvzees, 3-1 Sakti, 9-2 Mustaffa, 6-1 Babylon Blues, Solva Mist, 12-1 Touch Of Fantasy.

3.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP
(£3,531: 1m 7f 92yd) (16)

1 (2) 3204 PRIDE OF MAY 6 (B,F) R Hannon 4-10-0 R Perham 94
2 (9) 6-20 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 24 (F,G) S Dow 5-9-9 R Hughes 90
3 (3) 030- LIMOSA 190 (CD,F) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-6 J Reid 92
4 (1) 40/2 SEIZE THE DAY 8 (V) C Broad 7-9-6 M Wigham 94
5 (13) 000- ALL IN THE MIND 8 (G) A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 4-8-13 M Servranckx 98
6 (12) 6140 HEAD TURNER 7 (BF,G,S) C Wildman 7-8-12 Stephen Davies 90
7 (4) 000- MENDIP SON 43J J Ffitch-Heyes 5-8-10 J Williams 94
8 (7) 0006 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 25 R Curtis 5-8-7 G Bardwell 85
9 (14) 300- CAPTAIN STARLIGHT 152J (S) R Akehurst 4-8-6 G Carter 96
10 (16) -054 SNOW DREAM 15 M Ryan 5-8-5 W Carson 91
11 (11) 01-3 BY ARRANGEMENT 15 (C,F,G,S) S Woodman 6-8-5 R Cochrane 90
12 (8) 43-1 SOOJAMA 13 (CD,F) R Flower 5-8-3 J D Smith (5) 90
13 (6) 0-11 HARLEQUIN WALK 61 (G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-1 D Biggs [illegible]
14 (10) 00-2 ROLLING THE BONES 18 (F,S) P Felgate 6-8-1 A Mackay 87
15 (15) 430- SIMPLY 33J (G) T McGovern 6-8-0 N Carlisle 83
16 (5) 2156 WHO'S THE BEST 24 (BF,F,G) A Jarvis 5-7-13 B Hunter (7) 87

5-1 Captain Starlight, 6-1 Pride Of May, 7-1 Soojama, 8-1 Seize The Day, Head Turner, By Arrangement, 10-1 Harlequin Walk, 12-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 3.30 Seize The Day. Pontefract: 3.45 Daring Gift. 4.15 Al Moulouki. 5.15 Aljadeer.

4.00 BARHAM MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,216: 6f) (11)

1 (1) 000- ANEGRE 224 L Holt 9-0 A McGlone 80
2 (8) 5-4 DOUBLE MATT 7 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 97
3 (10) 5-63 JO MAXIMUS 8 S Dow 9-0 Stephen Davies 90
4 (7) 0-00 LOBIE PERT LAD 15 J Bridger 9-0 S Sanders (3) –
5 (4) 000- SOLANO 17 A Vanderhaeghen (Bel) 9-0 M Servranckx 70
6 (5) 6 ANITA'S CONTESSA 19 B Palling 8-9 T Sprake [illegible]
7 (3) 063- AOIFE ALAINN 188 J Hills 8-9 M Hills –
8 (9) 0- BELLA COOLA 208 C Horgan 8-9 W Woods –
9 (11) GLORIOUS ARAGON R Johnson Houghton 8-9 A Clark –
10 (2) 44 PROLIFIC LADY 15 G Oldroyd 8-9 R Cochrane 94
11 (6) SHE SAID NO Lord Huntingdon 8-9 D Harrison –

11-4 Double Matt, 9-2 Aoife Alainn, 5-1 Anita's Contessa, 6-1 others.

4.30 FOLKESTONE TOWN CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,834: 6f) (4)

1 (3) 4-00 ANZIO 32 B Pearce 4-9-4 R Cochrane –
2 (4) 24-2 EMERGING MARKET 19 (D,F) J Dunlop 3-8-12 W Carson 91
3 (1) 0-55 COFFEE 'N CREAM 10 (F) R Hannon 3-8-10 Pat Eddery [illegible]
4 (2) 310- PRIMA COMINNA 210 (D,G) M Bell 3-8-7 M Fenton 90

6-4 Coffee 'N Cream, 13-8 Emerging Market, 9-4 Prima Cominna, 25-1 Anzio.

5.00 DOVER HANDICAP (£3,359: 1m 4f) (11)

1 (1) 130- SHABANAZ 131 (G,S) W Muir 10-10-0 R Hughes 87
2 (5) 0/01 KIMBERLEY BOY 17 (D,F,S) G Oldroyd 5-9-7 R Cochrane 90
3 (2) -423 JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK 19 D Arbuthnot 4-9-6 R Price 95
4 (9) 3-45 DUTOSKY 56 (F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 5-9-5 D Biggs 92
5 (6) 6-00 BOOKCASE 10 (D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 8-9-4 J Williams 92
6 (4) 3361 BAG OF TRICKS 27 (D,G) S Dow 5-9-4 D Harrison 98
7 (3) 00-0 ART TATUM 19 (G,S) R Hannon 4-9-3 J Reid [illegible]
8 (11) 4502 MR BROWNING 19 R Akehurst 4-9-2 A Clark 92
9 (7) 560- KALA STAR 207 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-0 W Woods 92
10 (8) -050 GLOW FORUM 8 G L Moore 4-7-10 A Whelan (5) 98
11 (10) 5604 PIGALLE WONDER 27 (G) R O'Sullivan 7-7-8 M Baird (5) 89

3-1 Mr Browning, 4-1 Kimberley Boy, 5-1 Jemima Puddleduck, 6-1 others.

5.30 TIM FREEMAN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,519: 1m 1f 149yd) (15)

1 (12) 004- MY MUM SAID 217 Lady Herries 9-7 J O'Dwyer (7) [illegible]
2 (5) 01- FLIGHT MASTER 190 (C,F) P Makin 9-5 R Perham 83
3 (1) 30-0 HI-AUD 10 (F) J Akehurst 9-4 S Sanders (3) 95
4 (6) 001- FIRST BITE 194 (G) J Dunlop 9-3 W Carson 96
5 (2) 000- WET PATCH 196 R Hannon 9-2 Pat Eddery 93
6 (14) 00-0 KRISTAL BREEZE 9 W Muir 9-2 W Woods 90
7 (10) 0-42 ACQUITTAL 25 J Fanshawe 9-1 D Harrison 92
8 (11) -610 JACKATACK 10 (G) M Channon 8-13 R Hughes 95
9 (15) 00-0 CARNBREA BELLE 19 M Bell 8-13 M Fenton 86
10 (9) 000- FUJIYAMA CREST 182 M Stoute 8-11 J Tate (3) 92
11 (3) 560- PIONEER PRINCESS 197 M Ryan 8-11 D Biggs 80
12 (13) 0-44 WESTERN HORIZON 18 C Brittain 8-11 M Rimmer 89
13 (6) 50-5 COURT NAP 10 S Mellor 8-10 M Wigham 91
14 (1) -063 ALKA INTERNATIONAL 51 J White 8-9 S Drowne (5) 86
15 (7) 00-0 RAY OF HOPE 26 G Wragg 8-9 F Norton 81

9-2 First Bite, 5-1 Acquittal, 7-1 Flight Master, 10-1 Jackatack, Western Horizon, 12-1 Ray Of Hope, Fujiyama Crest, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Arbuthnot, 7 winners from 24 runners, 29.2%; J Dunlop, 10 from 40, 25.0%; W Jarvis, 4 from 17, 23.5%; A Stewart, 4 from 18, 22.2%; L Cumani, 4 from 18, 22.2%; R Akehurst, 17 from 89, 19.1%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 23 winners from 70 rides, 32.9%; W Carson, 12 from 39, 30.8%; J Tate, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Hills, 7 from 34, 20.6%; R Cochrane, 17 from 91, 18.7%; R Hughes, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

☐ Jeff Smith, the owner of Blue Siren, has failed in his appeal to overturn the decision of the Beverley stewards, who demoted his sprinter to second place in the East Riding Stakes on April 8. Blue Siren passed the post a short head in front of El Yasaf in the five furlong listed event, but was deemed to have bumped El Yasaf 1½ furlongs from home.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Nottingham

Going: good (good to soft in places straight)

2.15 (6f 15yd) 1. TAEL OF SILVER (D Holland, 7-1); 2. Dark Shot (J Carroll, 9-4 fav); 3. Sailormaite (Dean McKeown, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Kencol, 8 Dowdency (5th), Rupert's Princess (4th), 12 Danet's Lass, Fortunes Leap, La Dama, 14 Lawnswood Lady, 20 Daily Challenger (6th), Fuzzy, Red Rocky, 25 Governor's Lass, 33 Chosen Man, 50 El Taurus. 17 ran. [illegible] K Burke at Wantage. Tote: £10.40; £2.60, £1.50, £9.00. DF: £18.50. Trio: £220.80 (part won. Pool of £279.80 carried forward to 4.15 Pontefract). CSF: £24.27. No bid.

2.45 (6f 15yd) 1. MEDIA EXPRESS (J Reid, 11-2); 2. Magical Manoeuvre (J Fortune, 16-1); 3. The Kings Ransom (K Fallon, 7-1); 4. Code Of Silence (T Sprake, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Bolshoi, 9 Akse, Runs In The Family (5th), 12 Cedar Dancer, 14 Rosa Bonheur, 16 Bowden Rose, South Sound, Voila Premiere, 20 Blushing Grenadier, The Mestral (6th), 25 La Bossette, The Cape Doctor. 16 ran. NR: Dee Island, La Thuile, Prince Rudolf, Secret Miss. 2¾l, 1¾l, 5l, sh hd, 3l. T Mills at Epsom. Tote: £4.90; £1.60, £4.00, £1.70. £3.20. DF: £42.10. Trio: £221.30. CSF: £86.42. Tricast: £580.85.

3.15 (5f 13yd) 1. HARRY'S COMING (S Drowne, 6-1); 2. Best Kept Secret (J Carroll, 4-1); 3. Sison (J McLaughlin, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Baileys Sunset (4th), 8 Random (5th), 12 Cheeky Chappy? (6th), 20 Grey Toppa, Lucy's Gold, 33 Last Sister. 9 ran. [illegible] R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £7.00; £1.80, £1.20, £3.30. DF: £15.30. Trio: £30.30. CSF: £28.84.

3.45 (1m 6f 15yd) 1. KHAMASEEN (L Dettori, 11-8 fav); 2. Linpac West (J Carroll, 8-1); 3. Pollard (W Ryan, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Castle Courageous (4th), 13-2 The Flying Phantom (5th), 16 Blue Judge (6th). 6 ran. [illegible] J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £1.40; £1.70, £3.40. DF: £9.20. CSF: £11.64.

4.15 (1m 1f 213yd) 1. NIGEL'S LAD (J Stack, 9-2); [illegible] 2. Busy Banana (K Darley, 8-4 fav); 3. Kaf (L Dettori, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 7 Lucidity (5th), Mozazz (4th), 66 Cranbrook Kate, Simply Simon (6th). 7 ran. [illegible] P Haslam at Middleham. Tote: £5.70; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £12.02.

4.45 (1m 6f 15yd) 1. NEW INN (K Darley, 14-1); 2. Miryam (L Dettori, 7-2); 3. Coango (W Ryan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Special Risk, 13-2 Swordking, 10 Wings Cove (5th), 11 Rapporteur (6th), 12 Memorable (4th), Mennaaya, Smuggler's Point, 16 La Spezia, 20 Wassl [illegible]. 12 ran. NR: Golden Star. [illegible] E Weymes at Leyburn. Tote: £25.20; £3.90, £1.30, £3.80. DF: £43.90. Trio: [illegible]. Tickets 1.84. Pool: £568.68. CSF: £61.49. Tricast: £488.00. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

5.15 (1m 1f 213yd) 1. CAPTAIN MARMALADE (Miss Diana Jones, 4-1 fav); 2. Broughton's Pride (Miss P Jones, 14-1); 3. Candle Smile? (Miss E Johnson Houghton, 11-2); 4. Harrison? (Miss E J Jones, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bajan (5th), 7 Lam Fort, 10 Queens Stroller (6th), 12 Azure, Mr Devious, [illegible], 14 Cheeky Dancer, No Submission, Teroops?, 16 Almasa, 25 Golden Fish Girl, Rocketer, Royal Acclaim, 33 Bill And Win, Breezed Well, Scottish Park, Sharaaz, Sure To Win, 50 Bread. 23 ran. [illegible] C Thorn at Newmarket. Tote: £6.30; £1.40, £2.20, £1.20, £5.90. DF: £90.10. Trio: £223.80. CSF: £64.13. Tricast: £575.16. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £30,828.23 carried forward to Pontefract tomorrow). [illegible]

Brighton

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 59yd) 1. SAM COLES (B Doyle, 10-1) & 1. SATELLITE STAR (C Rutter, 7-4 fav); 3. Crimson And Clover (M Fenton, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Sharp Shuffle (5th), 6 All She Surveys (4th), 20 Caveat Emptor (6th), 25 Mandy's Risk. 7 ran. Dh, hd, 2½l, 3l, ¾l. B Meehan, M Channon at Lambourn, Upper Lambourn. Tote: Satellite Star £1.50, Sam Coles £2.40; Satellite Star £2.10, Sam Coles £1.10. DF: £8.70. CSF: Satellite Star and Sam Coles £8.56, Sam Coles and Satellite Star £13.30.

2.30 (5f 59yd) 1. ARAGROVE (M Tebbutt, 6-1); 2. Another Jade (B Thomson, 13-2); 3. Halliard (R Perham, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Grand Time (6th), 13-2 Distant Dynasty (5th), 8 Boght Paragon, 9 Giggleswick Girl (4th), 10 The Noble Oak, 12 Litt Boy, 14 Little Hooligan, 16 Rustic League, 25 Pal Pondesthea?, 33 Hatben. 13 ran. 2l, 1½l, 1¾l, 1¾l, nk. J Payne at Newmarket. Tote: £7.00; £3.20, £2.00, £3.50. DF: £31.80. Trio: £59.70. CSF: £44.80. Tricast: £230.99.

3.00 (5f 213yd) 1. TAFAHHUS (W Carson, 11-8 fav); 2. Cork Street Girl (B Doyle, 16-1); 3. Assumpsit (G Duffield, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 75-8 Midnight Break (5th), 7 Polly Garter (4th), 10 Kasel (6th), Solianna. 7 ran. 1½l, ¾l, hd, 4l, 6l. R Armstrong at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £15.70. CSF: £20.89.

3.30 (6f 209yd) 1. ERTLON (B Doyle, 5-1); 2. Shepherd Market (G Carter, 4-1 fav); 3. Canary Falcon (W Woods, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Roberrra, 6 Shikari's Son, 13-2 Top Pet, 7 Crystal Heights (6th), 10 Walnut Burl (4th), 20 Rocky Waters, 33 Dom Pennion (5th), Persian Affair. 11 ran. 7l, hd, nk, 4l, ¾l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £6.30; £1.60, £2.00, £5.80. DF: £16.50. Trio: £68.60. CSF: £23.69. Tricast: £329.81. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

4.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1. PHARAMINEUX (T Quinn, 11-4); 2. Elementary (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav); 3. Kimberley Boy (R Cochrane, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Hoaday Island, 20 Thames Side, 33 Crittal Springs (4th), Remember This (5th), 50 Moled Again, Ragtime Song (6th), Starlight Flyer. 10 ran. 1¾l, 4l, 7l, 7l, 2½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.90, £1.20. DF: £2.40. Trio: £3.10. CSF: £8.47.

4.30 (7f 214yd) 1. STONE RIDGE (Pat Eddery, 2-1 j-fav); 2. Bernard Seven (W Woods, 2-1 j-fav); 3. Berkeley Bounder (T Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Crystal Gift (4th), 10 Zuno Flyer (6th), 12 Domilla (5th), 20 Nero Kiss, 50 Alpine Storm, Silks And Studs, 66 Return To Brighton. 10 ran. 2½l, 1½l, 5l, 4l, ¾l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £3.30. Trio: £3.10. CSF: £6.38.

5.00 (7f 214yd) 1. MR ROUGH (R Cochrane, 11-2); 2. Pistol (Paul Eddery, 25-1); 3. Contrafire (R Hughes, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Whatever's Right, 8 Words Of Wisdom, 10 Another Fiddle, 12 Araboybill, Dia Georgy (6th), 14 Audrey Grace, Pirates Gold (5th), Taahhub (4th), 16 Friendly Brave, 25 Dragon Bold, Tanunaan, 33 Mulinique. 16 ran. 1¾l, 1½l, 3½l, ¾l, 3½l. D Morris at Newmarket. Tote: £7.20; £3.00, £7.50, £2.10. DF: £84.50. CSF: £121.78. Trio: £37.50. Tricast: £566.36. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

Placepot: £31.80. Quadpot: £3.10.

☐ Khamaseen, fifth in last year's Derby, defeated Linpac West in the Michelozzo Conditions Stakes at Nottingham.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.45 Prince Belfort
3.15 Beyond Doubt
3.45 Six For Luck
4.15 SAMAH (nap)
4.45 Florid
5.15 Noufari
5.45 Allyana

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 HEBOOB ALSHEMAAL (nap). 4.45 Florid.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.45 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES LIMITED STAKES
(£2,930: 5f) (11 runners)

101 (3) 510400 DESERT INVADER 4 (B,G,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-9-8 D Denby (3) 86
102 (1) 310-001 PRINCE BELFORT 6 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs C Sykes) J Eyre 7-9-8 G MacDonald (5) 87
103 (7) 0-16424 SIGAMA 5 (CD,F,G) (I Bickerton) D Nicholls 5-9-8 B Peel (7) 87
104 (2) 002460 MONSIEUR PETONG 6 (G) (J Parkes) J Parkes 4-9-5 C Adamson 66
105 (6) 00-4505 PLUM FIRST 4 (D,F,S) (J Stacher) L Lloyd-James 5-9-5 Kimberley Hart 66
106 (5) 000000- RENNYHOLME 234 (Mrs H Ellerby) M Ellerby 4-9-5 J Edmunds (5) –
107 (11) 00200-0 KANGRA VALLEY 6 (D,S) (Mrs S House) T Watson 4-9-0 S Buckley (5) –
108 (10) 23620-0 MAID O'CANNIE 20 (B,F) (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 4-9-0 Ruth Coulter [illegible]
109 (9) 03040-1 BONITA 15 (F) (T Hirschfeld) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-6 Victoria Appleby (5) 83
110 (8) 4010-50 LADY PUI 94 (D,G,S) (T Holdcroft) J Berry 3-8-6 Joanna Webster (7) 90
111 (4) 36-3253 NITE-OWL DANCER 52 (BF) (Burnwood Sports Ltd) J A Harris 3-8-3 P Massey 81

BETTING: 5-2 Prince Belfort, 11-4 Bonita, 5-1 Sigama, 6-1 Nite-Owl Dancer, Lady Pui, Maid O'Cannie, 12-1 Desert Invader, 14-1 others.

1994: NORDOORA 5-9-0 G Parkin (14-1) J Hanson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT INVADER 8¾l 8th of 16 to African Chimes in handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). PRINCE BELFORT beat Miss Siham ¾l in 13-runner handicap at Ripon (5f, good to firm). SIGAMA 3l 4th of 13 to Farngo in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to firm). MONSIEUR PETONG 17l 12th of 22 to Caisar in selling handicap here (1m, firm). PLUM FIRST 5¾l 5th of 19 to Bergo in claiming handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). Earlier 11l 10th of 23 to Palacegate Touch in handicap at Ripon (6f, good to soft) with MAID O'CANNIE (15lb better off) 2l 13th and DESERT INVADER (10lb better off) 1l 15th. KANGRA VALLEY 16l last of 11 to Halland in handicap at Warwick (5f, good). BONITA beat Miss Rafter neck in 7-runner apprentices handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). LADY PUI 13l last of 7 to Ultra Beet in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f). NITE-OWL DANCER 5¾l 3rd of 10 to Brigadore Gold in maiden handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 7f).
Selection: SIGAMA

3.15 AMEC DEVELOPMENTS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,061: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

201 (7) 2000- CALL ME FLASH 203 (F Lipscomb) Mrs P Sly 9-0 Dean McKeown 76
202 (4) 0 INVEST WISELY 19 (J Smith) J Eustace 9-0 R Hills 81
203 (10) 02350- JUNIOR BEN 218 (B Allen) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 81
204 (2) 333- ONEOFTHEOLDONES 175 (R Bates) S Norton 9-0 J Fortune 86
205 (11) 5- THE BANSHEE 172 (Godolphin) J Eustace 9-0 M Tebbutt 72
206 (1) 2 WORLDNEWS EXTRA 25 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 88
207 (9) 2- BEYOND DOUBT 236 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Weaver 91
208 (3) CATICHE (Lord Howard de Walden) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 Paul Eddery –
209 (5) 4 HEBOOB ALSHEMAAL 19 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori 93
210 (8) 20- LAST SPIN 194 (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 8-9 [illegible]
211 (6) MILL THYME (Mrs B Pollard) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 K Darley –

BETTING: 7-4 Heboob Alshemaal, 4-1 Beyond Doubt, 5-1 Worldnews Extra, 8-1 Oneoftheoldones, Catiche, 10-1 Junior Ben, 12-1 others.

1994: IRISH SENOR 3-9-0 J Quinn (9-4) J Banks 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

CALL ME FLASH 21l 8th of 14 to Romios in nursery at Warwick (7f, soft). JUNIOR BEN about 5l 8th of 14 to Esquiere in maiden here (6f, good). ONEOFTHEOLDONES 1l and head 3rd of 13 to Herlem in maiden at Newcastle (7f, good to soft). THE BANSHEE 13¾l 5th of 19 to Taktan in maiden at Doncaster (7f, soft). WORLDNEWS EXTRA 2l 2nd of 6 to Proposing in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). BEYOND DOUBT 1l 2nd of 15 to Lisa in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good). HEBOOB ALSHEMAAL about 1l 4th of 10 to Desay in maiden at Leicester (1m, good) with INVEST WISELY 6l 7th. LAST SPIN best effort last term ½l 2nd of 5 to Brave Revival in conditions race at Bath (1m, good).
Selection: BEYOND DOUBT

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robertson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 WAKEFIELD EUROPORT SELLING STAKES
(£2,665: 6f) (15 runners)

301 (14) 0306-51 ROSEATE LODGE 18 (C,D,F,G) (Assaire & Partners Ltd) K Burke 9-9-12 T Ives 96
302 (4) 30/0-000 AMLAK 36 (M Hirst) T Kersey 6-9-7 G Duffield –
303 (2) 00-5030 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 25 (M Heaton-Ellis) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-7 J Weaver 85
304 (5) 0/00000- DRUM SERGEANT 214 (D,F,S) (J Parkes) J Parkes 8-9-7 M Deering –
305 (6) 0000-00 KID ORY 71 (D,G) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 4-9-7 M Birch –
306 (12) 0-05000 MAKE THE BREAK 18 (D,F,G) (B Rogerson) S Coathup 4-9-7 98
307 (11) 0000-50 OBSIDIAN GREY 15 (D,F,G,S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 8-9-7 T Quinn 79
308 (9) 204306 RESPECTABLE JONES 21 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-9-7 L Dettori 80
309 (3) 1/500- BETTYKIMVIC 318 (G) (J Barry) E Alston 4-9-2 Dean McKeown 94
310 (15) 400-060 BONNY MELODY 13 (G) (Mrs E Duncan) P Evans 4-9-2 J Fortune 69
311 (8) 0400-54 BROOKHEAD LADY 10 (D,F,S) (J Abbey) P Evans 4-9-2 [illegible]
312 (13) 05000- DARING GIFT 235 (V) (J Bosley) J Bosley 4-9-2 Paul Eddery –
313 (1) 040-500 NEVER TIME 32 (B) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 3-9-9 T Williams 89
314 (10) 0663-05 PERFECT BERTIE 8 (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9 K Fallon 87
315 (7) 100- SIX FOR LUCK 283 (F) (W Burns) J Berry 3-8-9 J Carroll 95

BETTING: 7-2 Perfect Bertie, 4-1 Six For Luck, 5-1 Roseate Lodge, 7-1 Respectable Jones, 8-1 Bettykimvic, Anotherone To Note, 10-1 Brookhead Lady, 12-1 others.

1994: PANTHER 4-9-4 N Kennedy (11-4) J Hetherton 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROSEATE LODGE beat Beware of Agents 1½l in 17-runner seller at Leicester (7f, good) with MAKE THE BREAK (5lb better off) 19½l 15th. ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 4¾l 3rd of 11 to Tyrian Purple in seller at Lingfield (AW, 6f) penultimate start. OBSIDIAN GREY 14l 10th of 16 to Vindaloo in selling handicap at Edinburgh (7f, good). RESPECTABLE JONES 12¾l 6th of 20 to Muden in an apprentice jockeys' handicap at Nottingham (1m, good). BROOKHEAD LADY 1¾l 4th of 6 to Efficacy in claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). PERFECT BERTIE 7½l 5th of 8 to Shafeq in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). SIX FOR LUCK best effort last term 9½l 9th to Brave Music in conditions race at Ascot (5f, good to firm).
Selection: SIX FOR LUCK

4.15 WAKEFIELD EUROPORT HANDICAP
(£6,472: 1m 4yd) (18 runners)

401 (4) 462120- WESTERN GENERAL 188 (D,S) (Mrs J McAllister) Miss S Hall 4-9-13 N Connorton 91
402 (3) 201630- MO-ADDAB 178 (CD,F,G) (S Hammond) A Stewart 5-9-9 R Hills 94
403 (2) 565062 QUEENS CONSUL 3 (D,F,G) (Miss H Dawson) B Rothwell 5-9-8 J Stack (5) 95
404 (1) 23000-6 SAFEY ANA 20 (Optimists Racing Partnership) B Hanbury 4-9-5 W Ryan 92
405 (10) 01433-5 SAMAH 32 (D,F) (Mrs M Robertson) D Nicholls 5-9-4 L Dettori 93
406 (9) 030510- MAPENGO 61J (D,G) (M Lazzarinchi) J Eustace 4-9-4 M Tebbutt 94
407 (12) 313500- SOMERTON BOY 199 (F,G) (K MacPherson) P Calver 5-9-4 M Birch 85
408 (13) 00/1000- UNPREJUDICE 192 (F) (W Gredley) G Rimmer 4-9-3 M Rimmer 89
409 (5) 4-36015 SANDMOOR DENIM 12 (D,F,G,S) (E Lumness) S Bowring 8-9-2 C Teague (5) 95
410 (7) 04000-0 AL MOULOUKI 29 (D,B,F,S) (G Jabre) J Payne 5-9-1 B Thomson 92
411 (11) 3160-00 CALDER KING 8 (CD,F,S) (J Eyre) J Eyre 4-8-13 J Fortune 91
412 (15) /1046-0 YOXALL LODGE 18 (S) (Miss A Featherstone) H Collingridge 5-8-12 J Quinn 89
413 (14) 00114-0 HALMANERROR 26 (G,S) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12 K Fallon 94
414 (18) 20-0600 ADMIRALS FLAME 32 (D,S) (W Grubmuller) C Wall 4-8-12 G Duffield [illegible]
415 (17) 31000-0 PENDOLINO 18 (G) (I Booth) M Brittain 4-8-11 J Lowe –
416 (6) 08-0322 MAJOR MOUSE 57 (D,F,G) (N Barber) W Haigh 7-8-6 Dale Gibson 87
417 (16) 525400- MOVE SMARTLY 173 (D,F) (F Lee) F Lee 5-8-5 92
418 (8) 11400-2 SEA-AYR 18 (CD,F) (E Fowler) Mrs S Austin 5-7-13 J Marshall 94

BETTING: 9-2 Samah, 6-1 Mo-Addab, Queens Consul, 7-1 Halmanerror, 8-1 Mapengo, Yoxall Lodge, Sandmoor Denim, 10-1 others.

1994: MYFONTAINE 7-7-12 G Bardwell (9-1) K Ivory 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MO-ADDAB 1l 3rd to Chinour in handicap at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. QUEENS CONSUL head 2nd to Kamada in a handicap at Thirsk (1m, good). SAMAH 6l 5th of 23 to Sharp Prospect in handicap at Doncaster (1m, good to firm) with ADMIRALS FLAME (2lb better off) 4l 11th and QUEENS CONSUL 16l 21st. MAPENGO beat Controller head in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good) on penultimate start. SANDMOOR DENIM 2¾l 5th of 13 to Marowins in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). Earlier beat Great Hall ½l in handicap at Leicester (7f, soft) with HALMANERROR (5lb better off) 2½l last. SEA-AYR 1¾l 2nd of 13 to Sandmoor Chambray in handicap at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to firm) with YOXALL LODGE (3lb better off) 4l 9th and PENDOLINO (5lb better off) 5¾l 16th.
Selection: MO-ADDAB

4.45 WAKEFIELD EUROPORT AGENTS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,118: 1m 2f) (4 runners)

501 (2) 44341-6 FLORID 8 (S) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 4-9-4 W Ryan [illegible]
502 (4) 15/2055- WAITING 194 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-9-12 T Quinn 98
503 (3) 06- MONEGHETTI 292 (P Harvey) R Hollinshead 4-8-10 L Dettori –
504 (1) 6- YOUNG STEVEN 284 (A Thurgood) W Musson 4-8-10 J Weaver –

BETTING: 4-7 Florid, 6-4 Waiting, 12-1 Moneghetti, 50-1 Young Steven.

1994: ALDERBROOK 5-9-10 Paul Eddery (9-11) Mrs J Cecil 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FLORID 12l 6th to Captain Horatius in listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm). WAITING about 5¾l 5th to Garden Of Heaven in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). MONEGHETTI 17l 6th to Waikiki Beach in conditions race at Chepstow (7f, firm). YOUNG STEVEN 15½l 6th to Nashville Star in claimer at Hamilton (1m 3f, good to soft).
Selection: FLORID (nap)

5.15 EUROPEAN LINK HANDICAP (£3,980: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

601 (7) 122243- MYSTIC MEMORY 19J (F) (Cambusbo Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-10 S Copp (7) 94
602 (1) 111420 NOUFARI 24 (G) (E Weetman (Haulage & Storage) Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-9-9 T Ives 96
603 (2) 06200-3 ROBERTY LEA 18J (F,G,S) (Wentdale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-5 K Darley [illegible]
604 (4) 543010 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR 8 (F) (C Brittain) C Brittain 5-9-4 B Doyle 95
605 (8) 00-0600 VISHNU 5J (C,F,G) (N Whalen) J Eyre 5-9-3 J Fortune 97
606 (11) 1004-00 EIGHTANDAHALF 18 (C,F) (Sunpak Potatoes) Mrs V Aconley 6-8-11 T Williams 96
607 (13) 0/550- EFAAD 161J (J Norton) J Norton 4-8-10 97
608 (3) 306-310 KADIRI 18 (G) (J Bosley) J Bosley 4-8-8 Paul Eddery 98
609 (5) 0114-50 AMBUSCADE 18 (CD,S) (Mrs L Firth) E Alston 9-8-6 K Fallon 95
610 (12) 3/000-0 ALJADEER 7J (B,F,G) (Mrs V Foster) M W Easterby 6-8-5 M Birch 90
611 (6) 2424-0/ NORTHERN KINGDOM 582 (G) (P Deal) S Norton 6-8-4 J Quinn –
612 (10) 00-4246 MURPHYS WAY 18 (E G Heartstoppers) J Eyre 6-7-10 J Fanning 94
613 (9) 50/50- MANDALAY PRINCE 136J (F,G) T Kersey 11-7-7 N Kennedy –

BETTING: 7-2 Roberty Lea, 4-1 Upper Mount Clair, 9-2 Aljadeer, 5-1 Noufari, 7-1 Mystic Memory, 10-1 others.

1994: TRAVELLING LIGHT 6-9-9 K Fallon (5-1) Mrs J Ramsden 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

MYSTIC MEMORY 1l and head 3rd of 14 to Eire Leath-Sceal in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to soft). NOUFARI best recent effort 6½l 4th of 12 to Johns Act in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f). UPPER MOUNT CLAIR beat NOUFARI (2lb better off) 1½l in 14-runner handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm) with ROBERTY LEA (7lb better off) 6l 3rd and AMBUSCADE (10lb better off) 2l 5th. EFAAD best effort last term 12½l 5th of 5 to Fire Worshipper in maiden at Haydock (1m 3f 120yd, good to soft).
Selection: UPPER MOUNT CLAIR

5.45 INTERMODAL MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,631: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (1) 4- ALLYANA 187 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-11 L Dettori [illegible]
2 (7) BARRIYAH (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills –
3 (10) 05- INTIAASH 221 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 J Weaver 96
4 (2) 0- IT'S ACADEMIC 297 (J Chester) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 K Fallon –
5 (6) JUST WHISTLE (R West) C Thornton 8-11 Dean McKeown –
6 (5) 0-0 LOUGH ERNE 31 (Sir Stanley and Lady Grinstead) C Wall 8-11 G Duffield 75
7 (4) 0- MERLIN'S FANCY 179 (Mrs R Richards) W Jarvis 8-11 –
8 (9) 06- MILES AWAY 183 (Mrs J Walmsley, Mrs D Russell) J Fanshawe 8-11 N Varley (5) 72
9 (8) 0324- ROSEBUD 220 (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-11 K Darley 86
10 (3) 33- SWEET PAVLOVA 231 (M Arbib) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 95

BETTING: 5-4 Allyana, 7-2 Intiaash, 9-2 Rosebud, 6-1 Sweet Pavlova, 7-1 Barriyah, 8-1 others.

1994: HILL HOPPER 8-11 L Dettori (10-11) J Gosden 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 13 winners from 29 runners, 44.8%; B Hanbury, 7 from 23, 30.4%; P Cole, 3 from 11, 27.3%; Mrs J Cecil, 5 from 19, 26.3%; H Thomson Jones, 7 from 27, 25.9%; A Stewart, 6 from 24, 25.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: S Copp, 4 winners from 8 rides, 50.0%; T Quinn, 7 from 28, 25.0%; W Ryan, 14 from 71, 19.7%; L Dettori, 15 from 84, 17.9%; R Hills, 12 from 70, 17.1%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

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Imola, scene of tragedy last year, prepares for the San Marino Grand Prix

Ferrari strives for winning formula

Rob Hughes speaks to Luca di *Montezemolo*, charged with revitalising the legendary marque

In less than 48 hours, the roar of Formula One cars *will return to Imola*, the Italian track which a year ago took the lives of Ayrton Senna and Roland Ratzenberger. The drivers, and their machines, will begin practice on Thursday, an extra day's rehearsal to get accustomed to modifications, notably the Tamburello corner where Senna was killed and where a chicane has reduced the speed from 185mph to around 105mph. Watching, feeling the weight of *history and the challenge* of the future will be Luca di Montezemolo, president of Ferrari, a man who at one time was the young assistant to Enzo Ferrari himself.

Montezemolo has spent three years trying to invigorate the most romantic car in the *sport — both to catch up* more than two seconds that Ferrari *had fallen behind the* Williams and Benettons, and to launch three new road models, one of which, the F50, will be the ultimate masculine virility symbol: a Formula One car for the road.

Montezemolo is the guardian of the Ferrari legacy, the attempted fusion of a highly competitive, sometimes deadly *sport, with the business* of putting man's invention *into the hands of the select* few drivers who happen to be rich enough *to afford the* $475,000 (about £306,000) the F50 will cost.

But there is no escaping the connotations of this week. Montezemolo, who was the organiser of the 1990 World Cup in Italy, is well aware that there are some *who say, perhaps illogically*, that the changes he has personally urged have not helped the safety factor in Formula One. I recall his gaunt expression, his harrowed emotions early in 1990 when the haste to build new stadiums resulted in a spate of accidents that killed 24 construction workers.

"Montezemolo, assassino, *non venire allo stadio!*" — "Montezemolo, murderer, not welcome at the stadium!"

Now, because Ferrari led the campaign against computerised controls from the pits, the whispering begins again. "*Listen,*" *Montezemolo* says seriously. "Senna has spoken many times with me, the last time he phoned on the Wednesday before the race [at Imola]. He was totally, totally, totally against electronics. He didn't want to be a robot, he agreed with me that it was a *retrograde step* to have a driver in the car who himself was driven by computer. And *whatever it was that caused* his accident, I am positively sure it had nothing to do with electronics."

What Montezemolo is saying, *what he is defending*, is that while no iota of safety *precaution should* be *ignored*, the sport has to have romance, it has to have risk and the drivers are, as he was when he drove Lancia rally cars, men drawn to those elements. "I try to work in a fair way, emotion becomes bigger and bigger in life and on the track."

What concerns the man who took on the mantle of Ferrari *three years ago is that the past* decade had, under the influences of *American and* Japanese technology, propelled the sport towards an organisation and a method of work that, indeed, computerised its movement. "I think now it is time to get back to creativity, time to use technology but allow manpower to rule. It could be within our scope to put men into the cockpit so *that* he would be like the aeroplane pilot, who when the *fog comes, just presses buttons* and allows ground control to guide the machine.

"The last thing he [Senna] spoke about to me was his dislike for the fact that you could have a determined driver, not necessarily one with flair, who could win with the *best pit control.*"

As we speak, Montezemolo sits between the future and the past. In the office of the president of Ferrari, a president who 24 years ago, almost exactly half his lifetime, suddenly became the young assistant to the creator of the Maranello *racing car factory*, there are symbols everywhere.

To his right are drawings by Sergio Pininfarina, precious drawings of the latest prototypes. To his left is a black and white photograph of an old *man with dark sunglasses*, Enzo Ferrari as the world knew him to his ninetieth and *final year*.

In that year Ferrari had said: "It is a simple inheritance that I leave — to keep alive that desire for progress which has been pursued even if it has involved the sacrifice of the *noblest of human beings.*"

That inheritance is in the *hands* of *Montezemolo*, almost as much as if it were a steering wheel. He admits that in times of pressure, times brought by the impatience to catch others on the track and to reclaim the global fame of the blood-red machine, "sometimes I look at him [the *photograph*]. I listen, I learnt from him that the past was *beautiful but the future*, the design and production of the next car, was the secret of the Ferrari myth."

Three cars are coming off that production line within the next month. The F50, built to the specifications of the Formula One machine, built from the same hi-tech materials and carbon fibre, can propel a *driver* to *202mph* using 550 horsepower ... *and there will be just 349* made, 349 cars of what *Montezemolo describes* as "the first and the last two-seater Formula One specification model."

> 'While no iota of safety should be ignored, the sport has to have romance, risk'

You and I will not afford them, nor would we pass the controls that Ferrari intend to ensure that the second-hand market of this one-off symbol *from the factory will not* be bought, held in a vault, and resold to make fortunes.

The cost is equivalent to a small helicopter, the 349 buyers are already subscribed. And even the "lesser" models, such as the new F355, will be status symbols sought beyond *their numbers*.

According to Montezemolo the F355 comprises, in effect, two engines in one. "If you drive to 6,000 revs, it handles like a Porsche, a good sports car. But if you push it to 8,200 revs it becomes a Ferrari, an animal, like Ribot, the horse *that won the Arc de Triomphe*. If you want to push, push, push — then you have to be a very good driver."

Montezemolo pushes himself as much as any man one has known. During the World Cup, *when the pressures*, the accusations, and the self-drive to create out of Italy's bureaucratic chaos a world event not simply of sport but of great style, his boss, Gianni Agnelli (whose Fiat took over economic control of Ferrari 25 years ago), commented: "He is losing weight, and he has none to lose."

Italy's football, Italy's "*bella bestia*" motor are made by man, adored both by men and women, and at this moment in history both have been driven by Montezemolo, the son of a fertilizer producer. He is far from in the mire; indeed, he is promising to do whatever it takes "so that the myth is back".

ROSS KINNAIRD

Luca di Montezemolo, president of Ferrari, beneath the car's famous symbol

Sudden-death overtime may kill off penalty shoot-out

Tait: ran into trouble

By Russell Kempson

RIDICULE may have been heaped on the Auto Windscreens *Shield, mostly by the* fat cats from the FA Carling Premiership, but it may have gone a long way towards providing a viable alternative for the sadistic ritual of the penalty shoot-out. At Wembley on *Sunday*, *Birmingham* City won the competition for *the second time when they* beat Carlisle United 1-0 in sudden-death extra time. Paul Tait's goal, in the 104th minute, brought an abrupt halt to the proceedings.

It is the first time Wembley *has seen such a climax and*, from the Carlisle camp, it was a shattering experience. Their players slumped to the ground in despair, unable to take in that it had all ended so swiftly. One minute, they were still in with a chance; a *split-second* later, they were history. The collective *Carlisle misery* was almost pitiful to witness.

The Football League views itself as an innovative body and has rarely been shy to lead the way. *It pioneered* the system of three points *for a win in 1981 and the end-of-season* play-offs, which were introduced during the 1986-87 season. It also tried to bring in a team reduction scheme for the Shield, whereby players from each side would be withdrawn at regular intervals during extra *time, but the idea was rejected* by Fifa, the sport's world governing body.

Had Tait not scored, the Shield would have gone into a shoot-out. However, the Football Association has no plans *to use it in the FA Cup. "It is* something the Challenge Cup committee would have to consider, but, at the moment, there are no plans to look at it," a spokesman said.

As the Carlisle players suffered the *most public* dejection, Tait set off to celebrate in *front of the Birmingham* supporters. He took off his jersey to reveal a T-shirt that was less than complimentary to Aston Villa, City's Premiership *neighbours*.

"It was just a private joke *intended as a bit of a laugh*," Tait, 24, said. "A lot of my friends are Villa fans."

Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, was not impressed: "When I found out, I was quite shocked at his behaviour."

The FA has charged Tait with bringing the game into *disrepute*. A penalty, of a disciplinary nature, may be forthcoming.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page ***44***

SKYPHOS

(c) A large ***drinking-cup or bowl***, **having** ***two*** **handles not extending above the rim, and no foot. From the Greek** ***skuphos***. **"The vases are by Makron, whose name appears on his masterpiece, the Boston skyphos."**

THOLOID

(a) A dome-shaped, steep-sided extrusion of hardened lava plugging the vent of a volcano, from the Greek ***tholos*** **a round building such as a Mycenean tomb with a conical or vaulted roof.**

TROCKENBEERENAUSLESE

(b) A sweet German white wine of ***superior*** **quality, made from individually selected grapes affected by the affliction of vines (and aristocrats) called noble rot, from** ***trocken*** **dry +** ***beeren*** **berry, ie grape +** ***auslese*** **selection, choice (wine).**

VERNIS-MARTIN

(a) A lacquer or varnish used in the 18th century by the French brothers Etienne, Guillaume, Julien, and Robert Martin and their contemporaries on a range of furniture, ornaments, etc., to imitate oriental lacquer, from the French ***vernis*** **varnish + the eponym** ***Martin***.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Qh5+ Kd8 2 Ba5! and Black's queen is lost.

British squad lacks strength in depth

By Craig Lord

THE squad of 25 that will represent Great Britain when the European swimming championships return to Vienna in August is one of stark contrasts. Many among the 14 men and 11 women selected are medal hopes, with nine Britons among the fastest five in their disciplines in Europe. Eight of them won medals at the 1993 European championships.

The backstroke triumvirate of Martin Harris, Adam Ruckwood and Neil Willey *looks promising, their rivalry* responsible for the fastest advance in *standards in British swimming in* recent years. Mark Foster and Karen Pickering will hope to translate their short-course world titles into long-course success.

Against that, the decision to hold early trials, at Sheffield last week, thus *shortening the time that swimmers* had to prepare, and take winners of events whether or not they achieve the qualifying time, exposes the truth about British swimming: the quality is thin and there is still much work to do.

The men's 100 metres backstroke was the only event in which two people, Harris and Willey, qualified by automatic right, by virtue of their fast *times*, while only 11 swimmers in 26 races swam *inside the time standards set. The men's* butterfly races were won in times slower than those that took Mark Spitz to his golden tally of seven titles at the Munich Olympics of 1972. In the absence through illness of Sarah Hardcastle, a similar *standard was prevalent in* the women's 400 metres freestyle.

All selected are English except Graeme Smith, the Anglo-Scot who trains in Stockport, and Andrew Ayers, of Wales.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM: *Men*: Freestyle: *50m*: M Foster (City of Cardiff); 100m: N Shackell (Millfield); 200m: P Palmer (City of Lincoln); 400/1,500m: G Smith (Stockport Metro). Backstroke: 100m: M Harris (Waltham Forest); N Willey (Barnet Copthall); 200m: A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham). Breaststroke: 100m: G Bretten (City of Birmingham); 200m: A Ayers (City of Swansea). Butterfly: 100m: A Clayton (City of Leeds); 200m: J Hickman (Stockport Metro). Medley: 200/400m: D Warren (City of Leeds). Women: Freestyle: 50m: S Rolph (City of Newcastle); 100/200m: K Pickering (Ipswich); 400m: V Horner (*Derwentside*); *800m*: S Hardcastle (Bracknell). Backstroke: 100m: E Tattam (Portsmouth Northsea); 200m: K Osher (Ealing). Breaststroke: 100/200m: M *Hardiman (City of Birmingham). Butterfly*: 100m: A Bennett (Nova Centurion); 200m: H Slatter (Warriors of Warrington). Medley: 200m: Rolph; 400m: Slatter. Relay members: Men: G Meadows (City of Leeds); J Salter (City of Birmingham). Women: C Huddart (City of Leeds); K Goddard (Portsmouth Northsea).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

European under-21 championship

Group six

Latvia v England

(*at Riga, 5 0*)

Ireland v Portugal

(at Dublin)

Group seven

Germany v Wales

(at Wuppertal, 6 30)

Group eight

San Marino v Scotland

(at Serravalle Stadium)

Endsleigh Insurance League

Second division

Swansea v Crewe

Third division

Bury v Walsall .... P

Rochdale v Scarborough

Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Southport (7.45)

Merthyr v Farnborough (7 45)

Welling v Kidderminster (7 45)

Woking v Macclesfield (7 45)

Yeovil v Gateshead (7.45)

Bob Lord Trophy

Final, first-leg

Bromsgrove v Kettering (7 45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Leek (7 45). Crawley v Cheltenham; *Dorchester* v Corby; Sudbury v Burton, Trowbridge v Gravesend and Northfl (7.45).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Matlock; Frickley v Morecambe, Marine v Hyde. First division: Farsley Celtic v Mossley; Fleetwood v Netherfield, Harrogate Town v Lancaster; Goole v Great Harwood.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfield v Marlow; Grays v Bromley; Hayes v Yeading; Hendon v Harrow; Hitchin v Aylesbury; Slough v Chesham, Walton and Hersham v St Albans (7 45). *First division*: Abingdon Town v Haybridge Swifts, Leyton v Staines, Tooting and Mitcham v Boreham Wood; Whyteleafe v Barking, Worthing v Chertsey. Second division: Aveley v Oxford City; Barton v Hemel Hempstead, Cheshunt v Bracknell, Edgware v Metropolitan Police; Egham v Tilbury; Maiden Vale v Hungerford. *Third division*: Canvey Island v *Kingsbury*; Clapton v Northwood; East Thurrock v Hertford, Epsom and Ewell v Hornchurch; Horsham v Bedford Town.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay v Bangor City; *Holywell v Newtown*; Llansantffraid v Porthmadog, Maesteg Park v Aberystwyth. Postponed: Afan Lido v Llanelli.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Langford v Letchworth Garden City, Royston v Arlesey Town. Welwyn Garden City v Potters Bar

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: *Bristol Manor Farm v Barnstaple*: Liskeard v Torrington, Mangotsfield v Bideford.

SKOL MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Highgate v Boldmere, Meir KA v West Midland Fire Service; Northfield v Studley BKL. Oldbury Royals v Chelmsley.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Paget v Stapenhill Barwell v *Halesowen Harr*; Knypersley v Hinckley Athletic; Chasetown v Pershore, Willenhall v West Midlands Police

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Final: Ards v Cliftonville (at Windsor Park, Belfast).

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior first division: Wandsworth Borough v St Marys College.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Burscough, Bradford Park Avenue v Salford, Chadderton v Bacup; Eastwood H v St Helens; *Prescot v Kidsgrove*

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Halstead, Harwich and Parkeston v Wroxham; March v Haverhill.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: *Ryde Sports v Portsmouth; Thatcham v Fleet*.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead v Stamco; Oakwood v Whitehawk.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Deal v Canterbury; Kent Police v Crockenhill; Ramsgate v Corinthian: Sheppey v Chatham; Slade Green v Cray. *Thamesmead v Folkestone Invicta*, Tunbridge Wells v Beckenham.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Chelsea, Queen's Park Rangers v Luton (at Harrow Borough, 7.0); *Watford v Bristol City (2.0)*.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Notts County (7.0); Liverpool v Rotherham (at Southport, 7 0). *Second division*: Grimsby v Barnsley (7.0); Port Vale v Middlesbrough (7 0); Sheffield Wednesday v Bradford (7 0).

CRICKET

11.0, 55 overs

Benson and Hedges Cup

CHELMSFORD: Essex v *Middlesex*

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Combined Universities

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v *Gloucestershire*

CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Leicestershire

LEEK: Minor Counties v *Nottinghamshire*

TITWOOD, Glasgow: Scotland v *Derbyshire*

HOVE: Sussex v Ireland

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Durham

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Worcestershire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: King's College, Taunton: Somerset v Sussex. *Second day of three*: Ramsbottom: Lancashire v Northamptonshire. Leicester: Leicestershire v Kent. Kidderminster: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.

RUGBY UNION

Heineken League

First division

Treorchy v Swansea (7.0)

Third division: Aberavon Quins v Mountain Ash.

Club matches

Cross Keys v Crumlin (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh).

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The glottal aerobics

Yodelling Clear. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Not everyone can yodel. To which you might say: "No — and thank heavens for small mercies!" It is an acquired taste all right, and if you do not wish to acquire it, then give Doc Cox's programme a miss. If, on the other hand, you fancy being transported instantly to the Swiss Alps or taken back to the 1960s on the wings of Frank Ifield's *I Remember You-ooo*, Cox's A to Z of glottal aerobics and its *practitioners* will meet your requirements. I did enjoy listening to the American yodeller who sounded as if he had swallowed a rattlesnake, *and should* like to have heard a few bars of *The Yodelling Vicar* which must have been an ecclesiastical innovation.

Mendelssohn and Brahms. *Radio 3, 9.30pm.*

This is the second of three recitals from last year's Salzburg Festival. I doubt if you will have heard chamber music better performed on Radio 3 so far this year. We hear Brahms's Piano Quartet in C minor and Mendelssohn's Octet in E flat, Op 20. It has been said before, but it is worth repeating, that there are passages in the Mendelssohn — especially in the *scherzo* — that could almost be working notes for his incidental music to *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, written the following year. Mendelssohn's sister Fanny offered the thought that the only way to keep pace with the *scherzo* was to ride a broomstick. Aptly, it was the Walpurgisnacht section of Goethe's *Faust* that inspired Felix to write it.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** music and entertainment news in The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Anne Robinson **2.00pm** Chris Stuart, including at **2.30** the star guest interview **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain **8.30** The Queen of Romance (5/6) (r) **9.00** Yodelling Clear: See Choice **10.00** Coasting with Noakes (3/6) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine with Diana Madill, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.30** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** Sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match; **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, including at **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Mesh, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** *Tommy Boyd* **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** News **5.30** Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf **5.45** On Screen) **6.00** News **6.30** What's News? **6.45** On the Move **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Beethoven **8.00** News **8.15** Health **8.30** New Ideas **8.45** Emblems **9.00** News **9.10** Faith **9.15** Concert **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Game, Set and Match **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf Noon News **12.30pm** Oliver Twist **1.00** News and Business (MW only: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** UN **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Development (MW only: News in German) **4.45** Health (MW only: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Concert **6.00** Business **6.15** What's News? **6.30** World Today (MW only: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW only: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Let's Do The Show Right Here **8.00** News **9.05** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Faith **10.00** Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Meridian **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Country Midnight News **12.15am** Music **12.45** Anything Goes **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Britain **2.00** News and Press **2.15** On Screen **2.30** Music **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Andy Kershaw **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Discovery

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: *Hummel* (Piano Concerto in A minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** *The Opera Guide* **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: *Access to Maths: Starting Countdown* **6.55** Weather

7.00 On Air: Schubert (Moment musical in A flat: Alfred Brendel, *piano*); *Sibelius* (Tapiola); **7.32** Parry (Coronation Anthem: I was glad); **8.05** Boccherini (Symphony No 4 in F); *Ravel* (Rapsodie espagnole); *Paul* Schoenfield (Vaudeville)

9.00 Composer of the Week: Stravinsky. William Mival presents *Les noces* (English Bach Festival Chorus and Ensemble under Leonard Bernstein); Apollon musagète (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner) (r)

10.00 Musical Encounters: Sullivan (Overture: *The Pirates of Penzance*); Stainer (Flora's Queen); Tchaikovsky (Festival Coronation March in D); **10.15** Bach (Partita: Sei gegrüsset, Jesu gütig); **10.52** C.P.E. Bach (Harpsichord *Concerto in A*); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A); Dvořák ((Te Deum);

12.00 Ensemble: Recital by the Nash Ensemble. Gade (Piano Trio in F, Op 42); Mendelssohn (Concert Piece in F minor for clarinet, basset horn and piano, Op 113); Weber (*Piano Quartet in B flat*) (r)

1.00 News; The BBC Orchestras: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Nicholas Cleobury. Lutoslawski (Paganini Variations); Britten, *arr Chris de Souza* (The Rescue of Penelope: Alison Wells, soprano; Sarah Connolly, mezzo; Neil Mackie, tenor; Christopher Foster, baritone; Janet Suzman, narrator)

2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Ghostwriter **2.45** Le Club

3.00 Fairest Isle: Advance Guard: Martin Cotton surveys the early festivals of the International Society for Contemporary Music. Music from Artur Schnabel, Schoenberg, Vaughan Williams, Walton, Hindemith and Ruggles. (3/6)

5.00 The Music Machine: *Tommy* Pearson talks to David Fanshawe about a cappella singing in Polynesia

5.15 In Tune: Presented by David Owen Norris

7.30 Messiaen: Yvonne Loriod, *piano*; *Richard Bissill, French horn*; Chris Brannick, xylorimba; Richard Benjafield, glockenspiel; Première Ensemble under Mark Wigglesworth present the first UK performance of Messiaen's Pièce for piano and string quartet and Des canyons *aux étoiles*

9.20 Each Morning Once More Seamless: Les Murray reads new, unpublished poems

9.30 Mendelssohn and Brahms: See Choice

10.45 Night Waves: Peggy *Reynolds* reassesses the reputation of Anaïs Nin

11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Utrecht 94. Andrew Manze introduces another programme from the Holland Early Music Festival. Concerto *Italiano under Rinaldo* Alessandrini performs *madrigals by Lassus*

1.00-1.50 Night School: Primary RE: Islam **1.30** Infant History

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** *Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444

10.00-10.30 News; Going to Market (FM only): In the Derbyshire town of Bakewell

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 When Christ Calls a Man (LW only): Readings from the works of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, a young German pastor and theologian executed by the Nazis in 1945 (2/5)

10.30 Woman's Hour: Introduced by Jenni Murray

11.30 States of Mind: All in the Mind. Ghostbuster Eddie Burks tries to persuade Anthony Clare that spooks are more than just a figment of our imagination

12.00 News; You and Yours: With Claire Brehan

12.25pm Quote ... Unquote: John Nigel Rees for the quotation quiz **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One: With Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Jack ***and*** **the Strange Music.** David Marshall's farce for *radio* follows the dilemma of Jack and Jill when their home is invaded late one night by a troublesome burglar

2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes: Richard Baker talks to *Sir Malcolm Sargent's* former secretary, Sylvia Darley, and to Arthur Jacobs

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Quentin Cooper reviews *Adam Thorpe's novel, Still*

4.45 Short Story: The Supreme Artist: Michael Drew reads Daphne du Maurier's story

5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 The House: *Drama* series about parliamentarians (2/6) (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 States of Mind: Simple Gifts. Members of the Shakers talk about their beliefs

8.00 Science Now: with Peter Evans (r)

8.30 The Network: Alun Lewis presents the programme about information

9.00 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed: R.C. Hutchinson's story abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers (7/12)

11.00-11.30 Mediumwave (FM only): with Joanna Coles

11.00 Education Matters (LW only): Presented by *Times* columnist Libby Purves

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

11.30 Derek Cooper's Necessary ***Pleasures*** (FM only): *Derek* Cooper visits Mallaig (2/5) (r)

12.00-12.45am News *incl* **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.45** As World Service (LW only)

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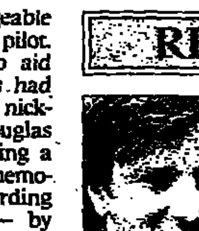
Along similar lines but with different rules

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Goodness, I hadn't been this confused since ... ooh — well since *Between the Lines* disappeared in that very big puff of smoke, actually. And what fun it was. **Rules of Engagement** (ITV) was just like old times — a totally impenetrable first ten minutes, baddies who turn out to be goodies and all sorts of angry conversations in the back of Daimler Sovereigns. I hadn't realised how much I had missed lines like: "I'll talk to your opposite number at Five." Almost brought a tear to the eye.

Yes, last night we were back in the world of spooks, gooks and crooks. Never forgetting, of course, operational overlaps. As if we could. Operational overlap has become food and drink to television thriller writers. Is this a Flying Squad operation or are we treading on MI5's patch? Does the FBI have an input? Is it time to call in the SAS? Such matters kept Deakin and Tony Clark profitably employed (and *us properly confused*) for three series of *Between the Lines*. They may yet do the same for *Rules of Engagement*, the final creation of the late Geoff McQueen. After all, there are no rules of engagement for plot-overlap.

In place of Tony Doyle's scheming Deakin, there was Ciaran Hinds, last seen having Bath's first outdoor snog in *Persuasion*. As Commander Campbell Ferguson, the head of the National Crime Task Force, Hinds had turned his back on the 19th century (Jane Austen would definitely not approve of his use of champagne bottles) and on the upright figure of Captain Wentworth. Instead, Ferguson's appearance appeared to be modelled on Leslie Crowther during his heavy Brylcreem period. Operations might overlap, but not his hair.

In place of the dishy Clark, we had a selection of interchangeable and, because this was a pilot, expendable young men. To aid identification, the producers had come up with some helpful nicknames. There was Spook (Douglas Hodge), who as well as being a former spy was haunted by memories of torturing a girl — according to some hazy flashbacks — by wrapping her in bubble-wrap. There was Grief (Peter Sullivan) who did a lot of moaning. And then there was Eric (Andrew Schofield) — I forget what Eric did.

The NCTF for which they all worked was the brainchild of Harriet Saunders, a Home Office minister so improbably sexy that if someone rolled her in bubble-wrap ... well, I would not be in the least surprised. Played with customary zeal by Frances Barber, Saunders was the sort of ministerial dominatrix who would regard a three-in-a-bed romp as a ridiculous under-use of Government assets. Tough on crime, tough on the enforcers of crime was her motto. "I'm having trouble thinking of you as my Auntie," stammered Ferguson after a talking-to. I was having trouble thinking of her as anyone's auntie.

This being a pilot, there were a number of rough edges that would need smoothing down before a full series is commissioned. Among them, some less than sparkling banter between last night's secondary characters. "Moving from one venue to another is taking its toll on this hardware," said Dawn (Holly Aird), looking worriedly at her mouse. "Yeah and on my love-life," replied Razz (Frazer James) looking worriedly at his script.

But my favourite moment came as the police were chasing the drug-dealing baddies through their stately pile and the pursuing hand-held camera ran into a mock-Tudor corner-post. Now that never happens in *The Bill*.

And, as far as I can remember, it never happened in *Takin' Over the Asylum* which on Sunday picked up the Bafta award for best drama serial and, in the process, got BBC 2's *States of Mind* season off to a flying start. Last night the good work continued with *Horizon: Hearing Voices* and *The Asylum War*.

Now, most of us can manage a bit of cod psychology at the dinner table, but all we tend to bring to psychiatry, the treatment of mental disorders, is ignorance, prejudice and a few very bad jokes. *States of Mind* aims to end that.

Last night's **Horizon** plunged us straight into the professional row about hearing voices. Are they, as traditionalists believe, merely a symptom of a mental disorder that requires urgent treatment? Or are voices a more common phenomenon, sparked by a traumatic event and which need to be listened to, not treated? The latter is a temptingly persuasive argument, especially when so many articulate and rational former patients are paraded to support it.

But *Horizon* let the orthodox wing have its say too. "The voices may be good and comforting for now," said one hospital psychiatrist: "but they don't always stay that way." Nor was Professor Marius Romme, champion of the new school, altogether convincing on how even dangerous, potentially murderous voices should be listened to. "I can encourage people to pay attention to the voices, without encouraging them to do what the voice says."

As for **The Asylum War**, it was an unexpectedly fascinating history of early psychiatric care, taking as its central theme the battle for control of York asylum in the early 19th century. Although the programme ultimately came out in support of the Government's decision to close the huge Victorian hospitals and in support of a form of care in the community (albeit, not quite as envisaged by Virginia Bottomley), its most powerful message was its reminder of the zeal for social reform demonstrated, *and paid for*, by York's wealthy Quakers. There's a lesson there somewhere.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (38859)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31152309)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9438944)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1293212) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (4237467)

10.35 Good Morning With Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (8560854)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6644477) **12.05 Pebble Mill** presented by Gloria Hunniford (s) (2574106) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (69763380)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (81187) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (86409038)

1.50 Going For Gold. The fresh-faced Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (86403854)

2.15 Columbo. The dishevelled detective investigates the murder of the playboy brother of a wine connoisseur. Starring Peter Falk and Donald Pleasence (r). (Ceefax) (301787)

3.50 Monty. Adventures of a chocolate biscuit-loving dog (s) (1039922) **3.55 Fievel's American Tails** (r) (s) (6637564) **4.20 Watt On Earth**. Science-fiction comedy series (r) (s) (6513125) **4.35 Maid Marian and Her Merry Men** (r) (s) (3706293)

5.00 Newsround (8396895) **5.10 The Lowdown**. What life is like for the children of "The Lost City", the nickname given to the Penhcelyn housing estate in Mid Glamorgan. (Ceefax) (s) (7124458)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (387293)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (632)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (212)

7.00 Do The Right Thing. Moral dilemma series presented by Terry Wogan (s) (2309)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (496)

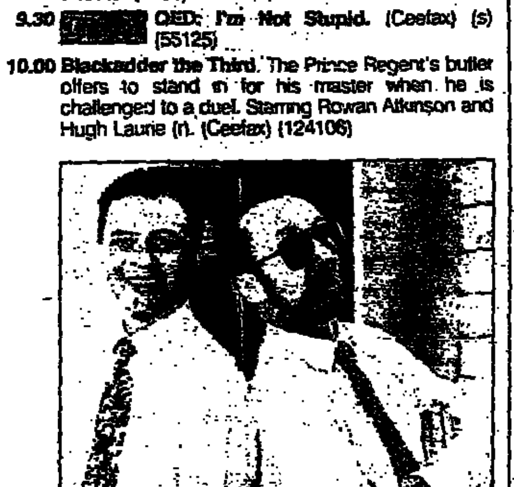
8.00 A Question Of Sport. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Ryan Giggs, Angus Fraser, Denise Lewis and Gavin Hastings. (Ceefax) (s) (8729)

8.30 Dad's Army. Vintage Home Guard comedy starring Arthur Lowe and John Le Mesurier (r). (Ceefax) (9944)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3496)

9.30 QED: I'm Not Stupid. (Ceefax) (s) (55125)

10.00 Blackadder the Third. The Prince Regent's butler offers to stand in for his master when he is challenged to a duel. Starring Rowan Atkinson and Hugh Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (124106)



Doormen Sandy Kennedy, Peter Meade (10.35pm)

10.35 Omnibus: Divas. (Ceefax) (s) (478564)

11.25 FILM: Divorce Wars (1982) starring Tom Selleck and Jane Curtin. A drama about a leading divorce lawyer who has to question his personal morals and ethics when his own marriage begins to disintegrate. Directed by Douglas Wye. (Ceefax) (742361) **12.55am Weather** (3806171)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Maths — Area, Games **6.45** Sassetti Chapel, Santa Trinita **7.10** Education: The Trouble With Science **7.35** Our Health in our Hands (91035019)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7475106) **8.15 Westminster On-Line With Sir Bernard Ingham** (s) (7938477)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (6132093) **2.00** Philbert the Frog (82323496) **2.05** Hairy Jeremy (82322767)

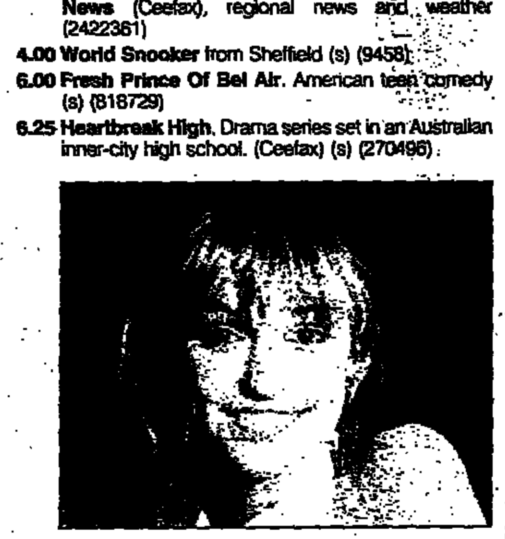
2.10 World Snooker. Dougie Donnelly introduces quarter-final action in the Embassy world professional championship from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield (s) (6922729)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster With Nick Ross** (s) (1041922) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2422361)

4.00 World Snooker from Sheffield (s) (9458)

6.00 Fresh Prince Of Bel Air. American teen comedy (s) (818729)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series set in an Australian inner-city high school. (Ceefax) (s) (270496)



Former anorexic Michaela Strachan (7.10pm)

7.10 The Enemy Within. Series in which celebrities talk about periods of mental illness in their lives. In this, Michaela Strachan talks to Professor Anthony Clare about her teenage anorexia. (Ceefax) (470903)

7.30 East: Lifting the Veil. A report on the Asian community's concern at the availability of pornographic material featuring Asian models who risk rejection and isolation from their communities. (Ceefax) (s) (598)

8.00 NEW **Minders: Whose Mind Is It Anyway?** Stories from the casebook of a south London psychiatric team. (Ceefax) (s) (1598)

9.00 Fist Of Fun. Comedy series starring Richard Herring, Stewart Lee and Peter Baynham. (Ceefax) (s) (1038)

9.30 World Snooker from the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Clive Everton and Ray Edmonds (s) (76748)

10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (456477)

11.15 World Snooker presented by David Vine (s) (325293) **11.55 Weather** (781125)

12.00 The Bathers by Cezanne and Renoir. A contrast in the painting of the nude (3040930)

12.25am Computer Aided Design: Modelling and Analysis (7545997)

1.20 The Record. The day in Parliament presented by Robert Orchard (s) (2993341). Ends at **1.50**

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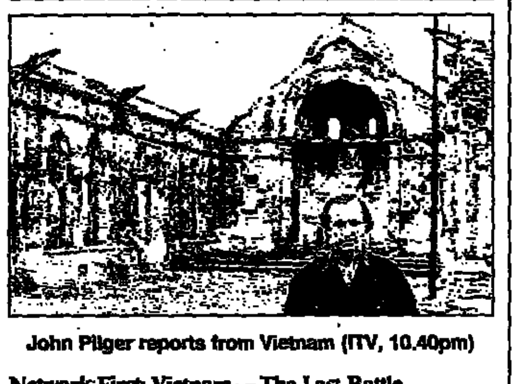

John Pilger reports from Vietnam (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Vietnam — The Last Battle
ITV, 10.40pm

In an utterly compelling film, John Pilger returns to Vietnam to report on the legacy of the war that ended 20 years ago this week and which was for so long portrayed by Hollywood as a war the Americans lost instead of a war the Vietnamese won. Pilger's film is a tribute to a resourceful and resilient people. His admiration for the Vietnamese is as apparent as his dismay at their present predicament. The postwar American-led embargo dashed any real hope for the country's economic recovery. It has only recently been lifted by President Clinton, allowing Vietnam a "new future in the world marketplace". Achieving what the war could not, the free market policy has enabled the multinationals to dominate, exploit and rob the Vietnamese people.

Omnibus: Divas
BBC1, 10.35pm

Being a diva — an opera singer, usually a soprano — has more to do with glamour and style than having a divine voice. According to opera director Elijah Moshinsky's light-hearted film, divas should have the charisma and magnetism to command an audience's complete adoration. They can also be a royal pain. Pity the poor director of the Royal Opera House who has moments when "he would gladly boot them down Floral Street". Archive footage of interviews and performances with stars such as Callas, Jessye Norman, Grace Bumbry and Joan Sutherland among others, are edifying but nowhere near as revealing as the stories told by the Royal Opera House's two doormen, who are the programme's real stars. Give these two their own sit-com!

Without Walls: Air Conditioned Eden and McCarthyism — Bloody Kids
Channel 4, 9.00pm

America went Tiki crazy in the 1950s and 1960s. Fed by the GIs' nostalgia for the exotic allure of the Polynesian islands, the fad infiltrated every part of American culture from architecture to music. It reached its peak with the popularity of the Hawaiian shirt, which came to represent the tackiest aspect of Americana. In the second slot, Pete McCarthy gets bloody-minded over modern British culture's attitude to children. In the first part of a trilogy (future subjects: bloody students and bloody old people), he maintains that we pretend to love our children but in fact go out of our way to spoil, pander, avoid and generally get the little terrors to shut up any way we can.

QED: I'm Not Stupid
BBC1, 9.30pm

When does an obsessional hobby become a disorder? When it is a sign of Asperger Syndrome, a condition distantly related to autism suffered in Britain by 200,000 people, mostly men. Sufferers' lives are a constant round of dread, riddled with phobias and obsessional interests, unable to comprehend the building blocks of social interaction. Marc Fleisher lives in constant fear of chance social encounters in case he forgets the proper responses. He is also dogged by a fear of any upset of a daily, detailed routine. Despite this, Marc has achieved his ambition of going to university to study maths.

Frances Lass

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (2651318)

9.25 Chain Letters (2966564) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3782372)

10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (4555651)

10.35 This Morning (76931458) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6633361)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9537106)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9545125) **1.25 Emmerdale** (r) (Teletext) (73006835) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (86497293) **2.20 Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (58796632) **2.50 Dogs with Dunbar** (1719380)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (4882583) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4881854)

3.30 Allsorts (r) (s) (8090651) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2420903) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (2426187) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (s) (6595729) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island** (Teletext) (s) (7931019) **4.40 Johnny and the Dead** (Teletext) (s) (7910583)

5.10 After 5 with Lorraine Kelly (Teletext) (4528106)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (644125)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (558835)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (800)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (380)

7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (7477)

7.30 NEW **Londoners at War: Firefighters** The first of three programmes commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day in which ordinary Londoners recall how they fought the war on the streets of their city (Teletext) (s) (564)

8.00 The Bill: Old Habitats. Long-hidden secrets are uncovered when a tower block is stripped beforedemolition. (Teletext) (6125)

Minnie Driver and George Cole (8.30pm)

8.30 My Good Friend Peter tries to cheer up Ellie (Teletext) (s) (5632)

9.00 Peak Practice: Giving up A routine call to a police station leads to a night of drama for Beth and Jack. With Kevin Whately and Amanda Burton (4800)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (11152)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (111922)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Vietnam — The Last Battle**. (Teletext) (115583)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (406632)

12.40am FILM: Posse (1975) starring Kirk Douglas, Bruce Dern and Bo Hopkins. A US marshal tries to satisfy his political ambitions by setting up a posse to track down public enemy number one, a bank robber, who succeeds in subverting the posse. Directed by Kirk Douglas (334779)

2.25 The Little Picture Show (4792688)

3.20 America's Top Ten (s) (43105713)

3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (93373084)

4.10 On the Live Side Music from Les McCann (s) (13209423)

4.30 Videofashion visits Hollywood (62152)

5.00 Vanessa (r) (Teletext) (s) (37976)

5.30 ITN Morning News (72404). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules Cat and dog cartoon capers (7221903)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (55598)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (22309)

9.30 FILM: Second Fiddle (1939, b/w) starring Sonja Henie, Tyrone Power and Rudy Vallee. A musical about a small-town skating teacher who is discovered by a film publicist and sent to Hollywood. Directed by Sidney Lanfield (56010816)

11.05 A Battle With the Sea. A *Fragile Earth* documentary about the threat to Spurn Head, a three-mile sand and shingle spit by the Humber Estuary (r) (4934274)

12.00 House To House. Maya Even's political magazine (54895)

12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series (r) (88106) **1.30 Dr Snuggles** (r) (65138699)

1.55 Out To Lunch. Animation about types of space, from a woman's viewpoint (86404583)

2.15 FILM: The Punch and Judy Man (1962, b/w) starring Tony Hancock as a seaside entertainer battling against bureaucracy in the shape of the local bigwigs. With Sylvia Syms, Ronald Fraser and John Le Mesurier. Directed by Jeremy Summers (324583)

3.55 Food File (r). (Teletext) (s) (1463835)

4.30 Fifteen-To-One. With William G Stewart (Teletext) (s) (477)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show The guests are jailbirds, in prison for conning women out of their money. Their victims are in the studio audience (r). (Teletext) (s) (1393423)

5.50 Terrytoons Classic cartoons (548458)m

6.00 Babylon 5 American science-fiction adventures (Teletext) (s) (928496)

6.55 Terrytoons featuring Deputy Dawg (131477)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (498125)

7.50 The Slot Viewers' video soapbox (456583)

8.00 Africa Express Reports by Audrey Brown in Zimbabwe, Toyin Fani-Kayode in Burkina Faso and Joseph Warungu in Madagascar. (Teletext) (s) (4767)

8.30 Brookside Jimmy's new-found wealth has not gone unnoticed and Mandy and Beth's mail is only two weeks away (Teletext) (s) (3274)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: The Air-Conditioned Eden** (s) (6106) **9.30 Without Walls: McCarthyism — Bloody Kids**. (Teletext) (48635)

The Kemp brothers, Billie Whitelaw (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: The Krays (1990) starring Martin and Gary Kemp and Billie Whitelaw. A biopic of the notorious gangsters Reginald and the late Ronnie Kray, who ruled the East End of London during the 1960s. Directed by Peter Medak (s) (19060903)

12.15am The Kids in the Hall A showcase of Canadian comedians (r) (Teletext) (s) (6982274)

12.50 Football Italia — Mezzanotte (4114317)

1.45 FILM: The Bowery (1933, b/w) starring Wallace Beery and George Raft. A comedy about two rival bar owners in New York's Bowery district during the 1890s. Raoul Walsh directs (246688). Ends **3.25**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9545125) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73006835) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1719380) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4528106) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (539651) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (564) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (111922) **12.35am** Panhandle Calibre 38 (779065) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (4630539) **3.25** The Beat (9713997) **4.20** The Entertainers (6482591)

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (1719380) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4528106) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (539651) **7.30-8.00** Tuesday Special (564) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (111922) **11.40** Blue Heelers (406632) **4.10am** Jobfinder (2992221) **5.20** Asian Eye (7732558)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9545125) **1.25** Home and Away (49570090) **1.50** Vanessa (65116477) **2.20** Gardeners' Diary (58796632) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (1719380) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4528106) **6.25** Granada Tonight (539651) **7.00** Emmerdale (7477) **7.30-8.00** Surprise Gardeners (564) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (111922) **11.40** Crime Story (406632) **12.40am** Film: Posse (Kirk Douglas, Bruce Dern, Bo Hopkins) (334779) **3.20** America's Top Ten (43105713) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (93373084) **4.10** Jobfinder (4992423) **5.00** Vanessa (37978)

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.55 Emmerdale (9545125) **1.25** Home and Away (73006835) **1.55** Vanessa (65115748) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (58796632) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7972558) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4528106) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (55) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (564) **4.10am** Jobfinder (4992423)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (380) **7.30-8.00** The Really Helpful Programme (564) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (111922)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3782372) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (6633361) **12.55** Emmerdale (9545125) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73006835) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1719380) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4861854) **5.10** Home and Away (4528106) **5.37-5.40** Town Matters - Making it Happen ([illegible]) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (800) **6.30-7.00** Good for You (380) **7.30-8.00** A Tale of Four Sea Ports (564) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (111922) **12.35am** Panhandle Calibre 38 (779065) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (4630539) **3.25** The Beat (9713997) **4.20** The Entertainers (6482591) **5.00** Freescreen (37978)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (3782372) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (6633309) **12.25-12.30** Mr Story (6641380) **12.55** Emmerdale (9545125) **1.25** Home and Away (73006835) **1.55** Vanessa (65115748) **2.25** The Young Doctors (58796903) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (4861854) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4528106) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (45748) **7.30-8.00** On the Road to the Islands (564) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News, Weather (111922) **4.10am** Jobfinder (4992423)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (3782372) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire Calendar News and Weather / Bisdale: Network North (6633361) **12.55** Emmerdale (9545125) **1.25-1.55** Home and Away (73006835) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1719380) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (4861854) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4528106) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (833954) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (380) **7.30-8.00** Animal Country (564) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (111922) **11.40** The Imposter (424309) **1.20am** The Little Picture Show (1515751) **2.20** Sport AM (6353775) **3.20** The Beat (9714626) **4.15** Jobfinder (1138249)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (55598) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (22309) **9.30** Second Fiddle (56010816) **11.05** Battle With The Sea (4934274) **12.00pm** House To House (54895) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (69699) **1.00** Mr Men (87425) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (50670) **2.00** The Late Late Show (56903) **3.00** Memories In Store (3038) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6450361) **4.20** Terrytoons (5869670) **4.30** Saved By The Bell The New Class (477) **5.00** 5 Pump (8583) **5.30** Fifteen To One (729) **6.00** Newyddion (265477) **6.15** Heno (269380) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5019) **7.30** Shotolau (106) **8.00** Gwobrau Ffasiwn Cymru 1995 (4767) **8.30** Newyddion (3274) **9.00** Auf Wiedersehen Pet (8670) **10.00** Brookside (26034) **10.30** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd (739212) **11.05** The Best Of The Tube (568816) **11.35** Murder in Mississippi (859564)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (1203854) **6.01** Dynamo Duck (1203854) **6.05** Amigo and Friends (1202125) **6.10** Mrs Pepperpot (1371090) **6.30** Peter Pan (17038) **7.00** Mask (44670) **7.30** Wild West Cowboys of Moo Mesa (50477) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (45274) **8.30** Blockbusters (44545) **9.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (92854) **10.00** Concentration (91090) **10.30** Card Sharks (64309) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (49125) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (48361) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (88477) **1.00** St Elsewhere (76632) **2.00** Matlock (23449) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9041922) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (5170421) **3.55** Wild West Cowboys of Moo Mesa (4935922) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (9729) **5.00** Deep Space Nine (5038) **6.00** Murphy Brown (3922) **6.30** Family Ties (4274) **7.00** Rescue (6767) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5318) **8.00** The X-Files (13187) **9.00** Models Inc (26651) **10.00** Deep Space Nine (36038) **11.00** David Letterman (604157) **11.50** The Untouchables (208187) **12.45am** Chances (4262084) **1.30** The New WKRP (47571) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (5596125) **9.30** Fashion TV (43019) **10.30** ABC Nightline (56651) **11.00** World News and Business (735583) **1.30pm** CBS News (12749) **2.30** Parliament Live (49274) **4.00** News and Business (95293) **5.00** Live at Five (8773019) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (8467496) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial (2813903) **12.30am** CBS News (3068220) **1.10** Richard Littlejohn (5504978) **2.30** Parliament Replay (72797) **4.30** CBS News (35978) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (39084)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2676380) **10.00 The Secret Garden** (1993) (82293) **12.00 Author! Author!** (1982) (73962) **2.00pm The Yarn Princess** (1993) (10090) **4.00 A Boy Named Charlie Brown** (1969) (55345019) **5.45 The Secret Garden** (1993). As 10am (23172496) **7.30 Close-Up** (8854) **8.00 The Good Policeman** (1993) (42699) **10.00 Dangerous Heart** (1993) (742822) **11.35 Gross Misconduct** (1993) (128570) **1.15am Willie and Phil** (1980) (900133) **3.10 Jackson County Jail** (1976) (1023978) **4.30-6.00 A Boy Named Charlie Brown** (1969): As 4pm (23133)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (86982) **4.00 Dead Reckoning** (1947) (6922) **6.00 The Lovers!** (1972) (96458) **8.00 Barbarella** (1967) (91903) **10.00 Hellraiser** (1987) (915816) **11.35-2.00am Heaven's Gate** (1980) (91122309)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Mouse That Roared (1959) (30274) **8.00 The Bugs Bunny/ Road Runner Movie** (1979) (14941) **10.00 Come Blow Your Horn** (1962) (80835) **12.00 Thumbelina**, Animated Andersen (2183477) **1.15pm Aladdin** (1993) Cartoon (7353835) **2.05 Tea for Two** (1950) (586361) **4.00 The Bugs Bunny/ Road Runner Movie** (1979) As 8am (1212) **6.00 Class of '61** (1992) (38496) **8.00 Red Rock West** (1993) (33941) **10.00 The Fugitive** (1993) (64957309) **12.10am Sleepwalkers** (1992) (8024794) **1.40 Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story** (1992) (550368) **3.30-5.00 Three Tough Guys** (1974) (486249)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (5027456) **7.15** WWF Mania (591458) **8.15** Soccer News (9325800) **8.30** Speed and Beauty (79816) **9.00** Windsurfing (93496) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (28670) **10.00** NBA Action (37816) **10.30** Fish Tales (8298403) **10.45** Cricket B & H Cup, Live (68862403) **1.15pm** Second Innings (999816) **1.45** Cricket B & H Cup, Live (74488274) **7.30** Soccer News (283699) **7.45** Fish Tales (837922) **8.45** Boots n All (495748) **9.00** The Footballer's Show (62477) **10.00** Soccer News (779632) **10.15** Cricket Highlights: West Indies v Australia (168564) **11.45** Boots 'n' All (136187) **12.45am** The Footballer's Show (549539) **1.45-2.00** Fish Tales (5191133)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (23729) **8.30** Aerobics (40748) **9.30** Ice Hockey (40212) **11.30** Football (15038) **1.00pm** Speedworld (29309) **2.00** Live Ice Hockey (6077380) **10.00** Motors Magazine (55699) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (79353)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (7970106) **8.30** Peyton Place (7979477) **9.00** As the World Turns (4818038) **10.00** Guiding Light (5090187) **11.00-12.00** Another World (3003651)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7973293) **12.30pm** Boomerang (4258293) **1.00** Trailside (3014767) **1.30** The Spice of Life (4257564) **2.00** Australia (4837293) **2.30** Normandy and Brittany (1785534) **3.00** America (1759485) **4.00** Travel Guide (7080925) **4.30** Boomerang (5186390) **5.00** Colorado Rivers (4828545) **5.30** The Spice of Life (7165570) **6.00** Europe (5399203) **6.30** Discover America (8680038) **7.30** Australia (3911979) **8.00** Around the World (4524729) **8.30** Travel Guide (4836564) **9.00** Globetrotter (1734167) **9.30** America (2674293) **10.30** Colorado River (7983670) **11.00** Normandy and Brittany (1739632) **11.30-12.00** Cruising

James Cagney and Olivia De Havilland (TNT, 9.00pm)

TLC

6.00am Martha Stewart Living (7751354) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (2664293) **10.00** Secret Gardens (2278106) **10.30** Jimmy's (1351318) **11.00** Only Human (4434699) **11.45** Draw with Don (40642038) **12.00** Against All Odds (3351598) **12.30pm** House Style (2675309) **1.00** Cooking with Kurma (4135212) **1.30** Martha Stewart Living (2667380) **2.00** Hot-House People (2279835) **3.00** Home Video (3825309) **3.30-4.00** Two's Country (8210545)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4145699) **7.30** Neighbours (4124106) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4701039) **8.30** EastEnders (9656980) **9.00** The Bill (5951372) **9.30** Sutherland's Law (6412545) **10.30** Angels (84084449) **11.35** Going for Gold (85632309) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1551516) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2677767) **1.00** EastEnders (4137670) **1.30** The Bill (2676038) **2.00** After Henry (3808632) **2.30** Foreign Bodies (8217458) **3.00** Knots Landing (6757477) **4.00** Dallas (6769212) **5.00** *Going for Gold* (84150651) **5.25** XYZ (84146458) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2962583) **6.30** EastEnders (8032767) **7.00** Keep It in the Family (3819748) **7.30** Bread (8221651) **8.00** After Henry (3828496) **8.30** Lenny Henry (3807903) **9.00** The Sweeney (6777729) **10.00** The Bill (6407425) **10.30** Top of the Pops (3338038) **11.15** Rory Bremner (7476908) **11.50** Dr Who The Claws of Axos (1198012) **12.25am** FILM Casablanca (1942) (1608591) **2.15** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (44767) **7.00** Sonic (13309) **7.30** Creepy Crawlers (92916) **8.00** Degrassi (14903) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (8628729) **8.45** Casper and Friends (8649012) **9.00** Sesame Street (65746) **10.00** Pre-School (59564) **12.00** Madeline (17090) **12.30pm** Pre-School (40922) **2.30** Barney and Friends (5187) **3.00** Dinobabies (5980) **3.30** Sonic (9572) **4.00** California Dreams (9767) **4.30-5.00** Degrassi (8651)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nick Alive! (5945600) **7.15** Rude Dog (555496) **7.45** Rugrats (554767) **8.15** Nicktoons (623361) **8.45** Nick Alive! (4793800) **9.00** Nick Jr (319729) **12.00** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (71274) **12.30pm** Denver (24800) **1.00** Smoggies (67309) **1.30** Galaxy High School (36699) **2.00** Alvin (4187) **2.30** Henry's Cat (4293) **3.00** Grimmy (6922) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen San Diego? (6038) **4.00** Rude Dog (5545) **4.30** Rugrats (1729) **5.00** Clarissa (6767) **5.30** Nick Alive! Including Rocko (5309) **6.00** Doug (5922) **6.30-7.00** Secret of the Stones (6274)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Himalayas (8222380) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (8228564) **5.00** Luftwaffe (3909361) **6.00** Invention (5437748) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (5708767) **7.30** Deadly Australians (8229293) **8.00** Echidna (3826038) **8.30** The World of National Geographic (3805545) **9.00** Man on the Rim (6708693) **10.00** Endangered World — A Zimbabwean Trilogy (6778458) **11.00-12.00** Out of the Past (4112361)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM A Wild Affair (1965) An office party gets out of hand (2295436) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (2266361) **3.00** The Bill Cosby Show (3812635) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (8047699) **4.00** FILM The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension Sci-fi fantasy, with Peter Weller (3816651) **6.00** Get Smart (8236583) **6.30** Police Woman (9145903) **7.30** Honey West (6223019) **8.00** thirtysomething (6775361) **9.00** Twin Peaks (6795125) **10.00-12.00** FILM 9½ Weeks (1985) (8741816)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5539941) **7.00** Makeover Magazine (7696477) **8.00** Living Magazine (7699106) **9.00** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (6584922) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1873274) **10.05** Health UK (1348564) **10.35** The Susan Powter Show (1852955) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7186632) **11.55** The Simple Programme (74930293) **12.00** Kilroy (9053038) **12.55pm** Mediterranean Cookery (6081632) **1.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (1589941) **2.00** Agony Hour ([illegible]) **3.00** Living Magazine (7733746) **4.00** Infatuation (8645632) **4.30** Crosswits (1021360) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (11203361) **5.30** Italian Regional Cookery (1390090) **6.05** The Susan Powter Show (6778854) **6.30** Brookside (3143632) **7.05** Crosswits (4145011) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (2666632) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2577545) **8.55** The Simple Programme **9.00** FILM Child's Cry (1986) Social worker Lindsay Wagner fights the system for justice ([illegible]) **10.50** Sneak Scenes (5253038) **11.00** Brookside (7746212) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (5354309)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Dangermouse (2125) **5.30** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (9903) **6.00** My Two Dads (6816) **6.30** Catchphrase (9616) **7.00** Busman's Holiday (2361) **7.30** Me And The Boys (9380) **8.00** Christy (93361) **9.00** Sirens (13125) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (25019) **10.30** Dangermouse (34767) **11.00** Lou Grant (99729) **12.00** Zorro (27797) **12.30pm** Me and the Boys (74536) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (68862) **1.30** Rhoda (78965) **2.00** Sirens (43064) **3.00** Lou Grant (70591) **4.00** Rhoda ([illegible]) **4.30-5.00** Zorro (56355)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (56065) **6.30** The Grind (39125) **7.00** 3 from 1 (1487816) **7.15** Awake on the Wildside (6443038) **8.00** VJ Ingo (268274) **10.30** The Pulse (35496) **11.00** Soul (60962) **12.00** Greatest Hits ([illegible]) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (47729) **2.00** 3 from 1 ([illegible]) **2.15** The Afternoon Mix ([illegible]) **3.00** Cinematic ([illegible]) **3.15** The Afternoon Mix ([illegible]) **4.00** MTV News ([illegible]) **4.15** The Afternoon Mix ([illegible]) **4.30** Dial MTV (7309) **5.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (4583) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (74800) **6.30** MTV Sports (2854) **7.00** Greatest Hits (26038) **8.00** Animated Music (36449) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (82767) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (62038) **10.00** MTV News (206651) **10.15** Cinematic (201816) **10.30** Real World (36125) **11.00** The End? (79274) **12.30am** The Grind (76794) **1.00** Soul (84775) **2.00-5.00** Night Videos ([illegible])

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (3013038) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (7234767) **12.00** The Bridge (6211381) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1650008) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8654477) **3.30** Into the Music (7322564) **6.00** Prime Cuts (4268670) **7.00** VH-1 to You ([illegible]) **8.00** VH-1 Rock ([illegible]) **9.00** Ten of the Best ([illegible]) **10.00** The Bridge ([illegible]) **11.30** The Nightfly ([illegible]) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (6026249) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm** including at **5.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV

7.00am Asian Morning ([illegible]) **8.30** Aangan Tema ([illegible]) **9.00** Hindi FILM ([illegible]) **12.00** Campus ([illegible]) **12.30pm** [illegible] **1.00** Hindi FILM ([illegible]) **4.00** [illegible] **4.30** [illegible] **5.00** [illegible] **5.30** Aangan Tema ([illegible]) **6.00** [illegible] **6.30** Campus ([illegible]) **7.00** Video Junction ([illegible]) **7.30** [illegible] **8.00** News ([illegible]) **8.30** Antakshri ([illegible]) **9.00** Parampara ([illegible]) **9.30** [illegible] **10.00** [illegible] **10.30** [illegible] **11.00** [illegible] **11.30-12.00** [illegible]

CARTOON NETWORK TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

7.00pm The Valley of Decision (1945) ([illegible]) **9.00 The Stawberry Blonde** (1941) ([illegible])

Theme: Tribute to [illegible]

11.00 Silver River (1948) ([illegible]) **12.55am Uncertain Glory** (1944) ([illegible]) **2.40-5.00 Northern Pursuit** (1943) ([illegible])

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Defending champion builds early lead over world title rival

Hendry tables his intentions

By Phil Yates

STEPHEN HENDRY and Ronnie O'Sullivan yesterday began their eagerly awaited quarter-final in the Embassy world snooker championship with many knowledgeable observers firm in the belief that its result would determine the winner of the title.

Hendry, attempting to win the championship for a fifth time in six years and for an unprecedented fourth year in succession since the event found its permanent home at the Crucible in 1977, had built a 5-3 lead over O'Sullivan by the end of the opening session.

Whoever loses when the best-of-25-frame contest reaches its conclusion this morning will have the right to feel aggrieved. Hendry is undisputed as the best player in the game while O'Sullivan is, along with John Higgins, regarded as his main challenger.

Given that, and the fact that O'Sullivan stands third in the provisional world rankings, it is an unavoidable pity that they have met so early.

The reason is that the official world rankings are only revised on an annual basis and, at the commencement of the 1994-95 campaign, O'Sullivan occupied ninth position. The Benson and Hedges Masters champion defeated Darren Morgan, the No 8 seed, in the last 16, and thus his premature clash with Hendry was assured.

Unjust though it may be, the game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) would find it impossible to implement a weekly ranking system such as in tennis, which reflects form more accurately.

Because of an average entry of 450 players per event, draws, and more crucially exemptions, have to be made well in advance of the circuit's leading exponents making their debuts in specific tournaments.

It seemed both players realised the importance of stamping their authority on the game early and it was O'Sullivan, with a pair of 46 breaks, who edged into a 2-1 lead yesterday.

In the third frame, Hendry had the opportunity to recover from a 57-point deficit and thereby strike the initial psychological blow. In two visits the Scot eroded that deficit, but missed a blue using the rest and O'Sullivan cleared to pink.

O'Sullivan, 19, has prevailed in only three of his previous nine meetings with Hendry but the precociously talented player from Chigwell is one of the few not intimidated by Hendry's wealth of achievement so far during the 1990s.

That was evident when O'Sullivan beat Hendry in the last 16 of the Thailand Open five weeks ago. But loss of concentration is O'Sullivan's Achilles' heel, and it was a temporary dropping of his guard in the fourth frame with a weak safety shot that allowed Hendry to compile the 39 break with which he drew level at 2-2.

After a short safety exchange on the yellow in the fifth frame, Hendry cleared to the pink for a 3-2 lead which swiftly became 4-2 through a run of 63 on his first scoring visit to the table in the sixth.

Two slices of good fortune came to O'Sullivan's assistance in the next. First, he fluked a snooker tight in behind the green and, from the chance presented, he made 31 before fluking the green into a top pocket.

O'Sullivan capitalised by going on to record a decisive contribution of 65, but Hendry did not dwell on it and a clinical 72 break re-established his two-frame buffer entering the evening session.

Showing an immeasurable improvement on his previous two performances here, Jimmy White established a 6-2 lead against John Parrott. White had trailed 2-1 before striking the kind of purple patch that has been conspicuous by its absence during the worst season of his 15-year professional career.

Runs of 38 and 58 carried White into a 3-2 lead before he secured the sixth frame and forged on with a decisive 63 break in the seventh. Parrott, undoubtedly unsettled, led 73-32 in the closing frame of the afternoon when he missed a tricky red across the top cushion. White, at his predatory best, put together a 51 clearance to the pink.

Andy Hicks, who has already eliminated Steve Davis and Willie Thorne, rallied from 0-3 to end his first session against Peter Ebdon on level terms at 4-4.

QUARTER-FINALS: S Hendry (Scot) leads R O'Sullivan (Eng) 5-3; J White (Eng) leads J Parrott (Eng) 6-2; A Hicks (Eng) level with P Ebdon (Eng) 4-4; N Bond (Eng) leads G Wilkinson 5-3.

ORDER OF PLAY

10.30: N Bond (Eng) v G Wilkinson (Eng); S Hendry (Scot) and R O'Sullivan (Eng)
3.0: J White (Eng) v J Parrott (Eng); A Hicks (Eng) v P Ebdon (Eng)
7.30: Bond v Wilkinson; White v Parrott.

O'Sullivan, right, watches nervously as Hendry goes about compiling a 5-3 lead in the opening session of their quarter-final. Photograph: Eric Whitehead

Leagues engage in bidding war for best players

By Christopher Irvine

AS WITH all auctions, there are many losers and one winner, a point that might be borne in mind in the outrageous bidding war that has spread from Australia to Britain in the fight over the bloody carcass of rugby league.

Whereas the first flag of compromise was raised above the battlefield in Australia yesterday, the cheque book was being waved on behalf of the Australian Rugby League (ARL) at members of the Great Britain team.

In the case of Martin Offiah, who has apparently been offered £1 million over three years, a counter-offer to keep the Wigan wing in this country was being mustered last night. In its increasing international isolation over the trans-global Super League, the ARL, with the television backing of Kerry Packer, has also offered Jason Robinson, of Wigan, and John Devereux, of Widnes, considerable sums.

Alan McColm, the agent for the three players, said: "They [the ARL] are looking at taking the top players at the moment, but I don't think it will be long before they look further down the list."

An approach was made to Paul Newlove, but, as the centre recently signed a new four-year contract at Bradford Northern, it was not followed up. The shopping list is, at most, a dozen players, but with others of the calibre of Chris Joynt and Bobby Goulding, both of St Helens, Craig Innes, of Leeds, and Lee Jackson, of Sheffield, probably on it, there is the risk that the European Super League could end up decidedly less super. The ARL, having lost 200 players and officials to the breakaway Australasian Super League, will therefore find its poaching fiercely resisted by counter-offers to players here.

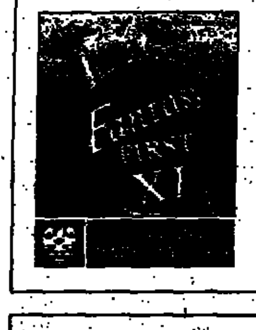
This worst-case scenario was obvious ten days ago, when the ARL, determined to run its own competition alongside the Super League in Australia and New Zealand, declared the two-year ban on player movements between England and Australia null and void. Those players due in Australia next month on summer contracts could be pressured to remain permanently.

With Britain, New Zealand and, it seems, France and Papua New Guinea set to throw in their lot with the Super League, which is backed by News C[illegible] the parent company [illegible] Times, the ARL was forced into a tactic that, at the start of the three-day international board meeting in London, could not have been more explosively timed.

According to the Rugby Football League (RFL), the situation emphasised the vulnerability of the sport in England if the £77 million Super League deal had been ignored. Paul Harrison, its spokesman, said: "Our players would have been targeted in any case, but we are now in a better position to fight back."

The potential compromise raised in Sydney was of the ARL administering the Super League, which is a possibility that drew several so-far loyal ARL clubs, including Penrith and Sydney Tigers, to talks with John Ribot, the Super League chief executive. Mark Levy, a Penrith official, said: "News Limited in Australia want one competition and I think they probably want the ARL to run it."

In Britain, it is possible that the hurried and ill-conceived formation of the 14-club Anglo-French Super League might have to be re-thought after Keighley's announcement yesterday [illegible] against the RFL. The club has been excluded from the new summer league, despite winning the second division, and will be seeking injunctions and damages at the High Court in Leeds on Friday.



On page 43 today, Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, takes a pragmatic approach in choosing his *Fantasy First XI*. "Success does not necessarily involve the players of glamour and profile," he writes. "Simply to select the best 11 players in action this summer can be a great mistake." Pick your own team and win £10,000.

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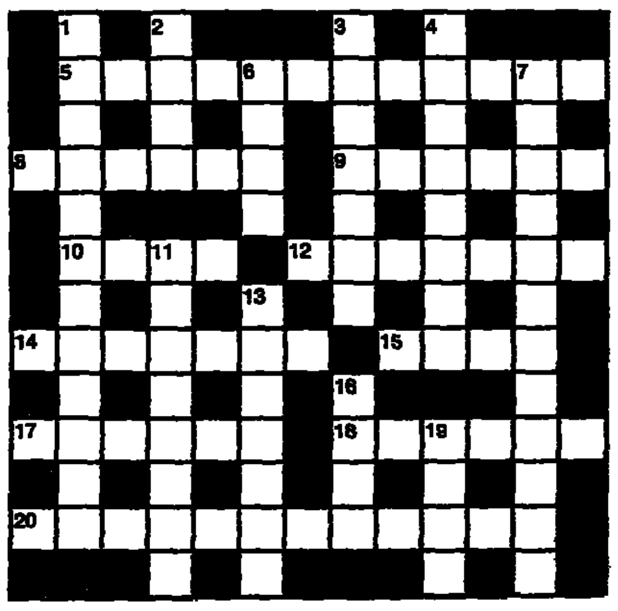

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8 Shoe: (Irish) accent (6)
9 Sea-song (6)
10 Loathe (4)
12 Raised-dot writing (7)
14 Twisted and knobbly (7)
15 Agency secretary (4)
17 Strainer (6)
18 Roman army unit: large number (6)
20 Heavy leather object tossed for training (8,4)

DOWN
1 Nervous (12)
2 Smug, moralistic person (4)
3 Frenzied, enraged (7)
4 Supposed (to be) (8)
6 Cattle (4)
7 Fairies (6,6)
11 Face about (ready to flee) (4,4)
13 Tynesider (7)
16 Blackthorn (4)
19 Prod, incite (4)

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Conner attacks rivals' joint effort

From Barry Pickthall
in San Diego

THE breeze proved too light and fickle to hold what could prove to be the deciding race in the defender trials for the America's Cup on Sunday but there was still sufficient wind to fan fresh controversy over which of the three defence crews should go forward to race for the cup against the New Zealand challenger.

Dennis Conner, who requires only one more win to race for the cup a record fifth time, attacked his rivals for joining forces against him. He accused Bill Koch's America³ syndicate, which is backing the women's team on board *Mighty Mary*, of providing weather information for Kevin Mahaney's *Young America* crew as well as balking his yacht during manoeuvres before the race was abandoned. "I'm upset," Conner said. "What they did was fundamentally unfair. It undermines the integrity of the America's Cup."

The women on *Mighty Mary* need *Young America* to defeat Conner's *Stars & Stripes* in order to keep their own hopes alive and Mahaney's team need Leslie Egnot's female crew to beat Conner tomorrow to force a sail-off for the defence berth between themselves.

Minutes before the pre-start countdown to Sunday's abandoned race, the *Stars & Stripes* crew spotted Koch's two America's Cup yachts sailing close to the windward mark checking out the weather patterns, then saw Koch's helicopter flying over the course to collect further data. Later, they spotted Vince Moeyersoms, Koch's right-hand man, aboard Mahaney's team tender wearing a *Young America* jacket.

The final straw came when the same tender got in the way of *Stars & Stripes* as Conner's yacht entered the starting box. "They were blocking our path," Paul Cayard, the helmsman on *Stars & Stripes*, said. "We have it on video and the umpires saw it too."

Later, Moeyersoms said: "We are trying to have a positive influence on our own destiny. Right now, *Mighty Mary* and *Young America* are totally dependent on each other's performance for survival."

The era of the Mouth that Roared

James Bone, in New York, reviews the career of the legendary broadcaster, Howard Cosell

FOR as long as anyone can remember, the best known voice in America has been the staccato, Brooklyn twang of Howard Cosell, also known as "the Mouth that Roared".

The nation's most loved and most hated sportcaster made a prime-time career "telling it as it is". Chronicling the triumph and tragedy of baseball, boxing and American football, Cosell became possibly the best exponent of the one-liner since Samuel Goldwyn. "Arrogant, pompous, obnoxious, vain, cruel, verbose, a show-off — I have been called all of these," he once said. "Of course, I am."

His death on Sunday at the age of 77 marked the end of an era for American sports followers raised on his brash opinions. It was Cosell who said of the owner of the old Brooklyn Dodgers "the man has a cash register where a heart should be".

It was he who confessed that "I have found most baseball players to be afflicted to their tobacco-chewing minds". Above all, it was Cosell who leapt to Muhammad Ali's defence in 1967 when the world heavyweight champion was stripped of his title for refusing to fight in the war in Vietnam and became the first to use his new Muslim name.

Cosell: unique

The son of Polish Jewish immigrants, he studied law at New York University, where he became the editor of the law review, but he found his calling when he became a broadcaster for the ABC network in 1956. "There's one thing about this business," he later complained. "There's no place for talent. That's why I don't belong. I lack mediocrity."

A lifelong enemy of racism, it was his decision to side with the heavyweight champion when he converted to Islam and refused to be drafted to Vietnam that first made him a national celebrity. "What the government did to this man was inhuman and illegal," he said.

Cosell also infuriated viewers when he gave a sympathetic interview to Tommie Smith after the sprinter raised his clenched fist in a black-power salute on the medal podium at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City. Four years later, he refused orders to leave the Olympic village in Munich when Arab terrorists invaded the Israeli team's quarters and provided gripping commentary.

At one point, Cosell's "Q" rating, used by the television industry to determine popularity, revealed that he was both the most popular and the most hated celebrity in the nation.

For all his bombast, Cosell never took himself entirely seriously. At Woody Allen's request, he appeared in the film "Bananas" attempting to interview a corpse about what it felt like to be shot.

That thought was echoed after his own death by his old friend, Muhammad Ali. "Howard Cosell was a good man and he lived a good life," Ali said. "I hope to meet him one day in the hereafter. I can hear Howard now, saying, 'Muhammad, you're not the man you used to be.'"